

# Nonparametric Bayesian Methods: Models, Algorithms, and Applications (Part II)

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# Nonparametric Bayes

- Bayesian methods that are not parametric
- Bayesian

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{parameters}|\text{data}) \propto \mathbb{P}(\text{data}|\text{parameters})\mathbb{P}(\text{parameters})$$

- Not parametric (i.e. not finite parameter, unbounded/growing/infinite number of parameters)

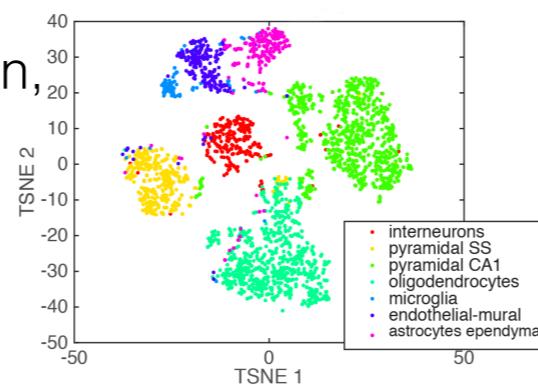
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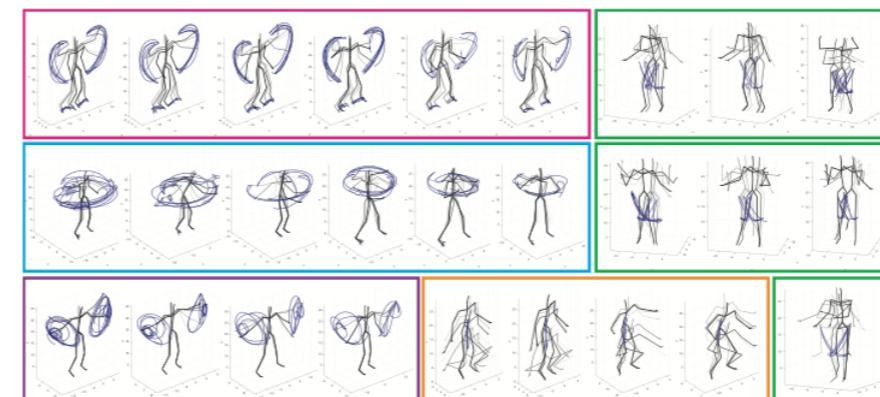
[Eaton 2020]

[Prabhakaran,  
Azizi, Carr,  
Pe'er 2016]



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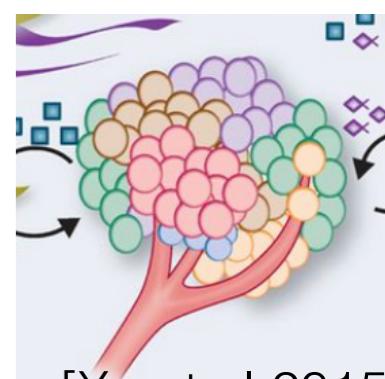


[Fox et al 2014]

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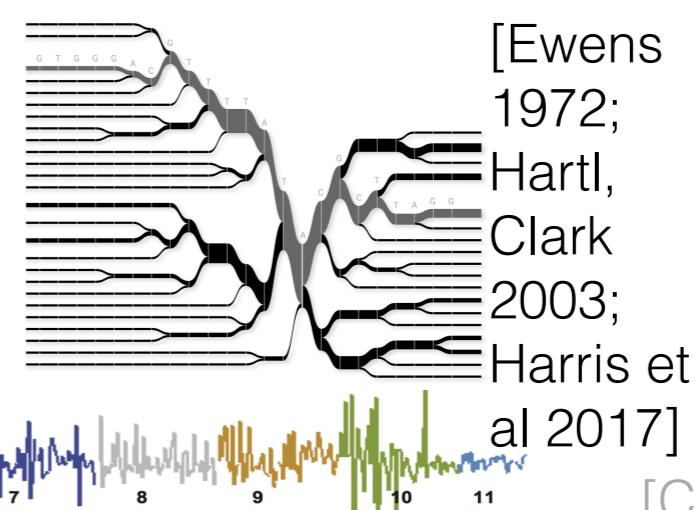


[Lan et al 2015]



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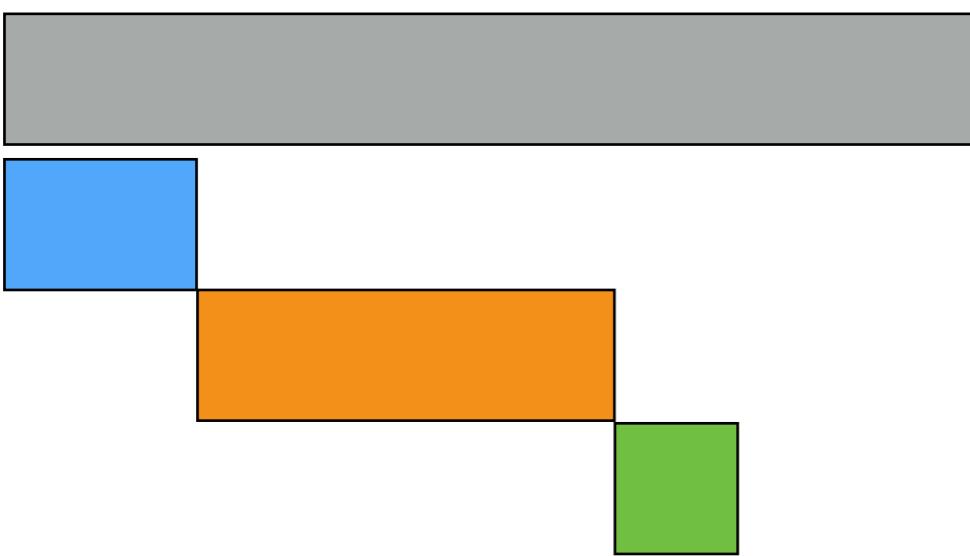
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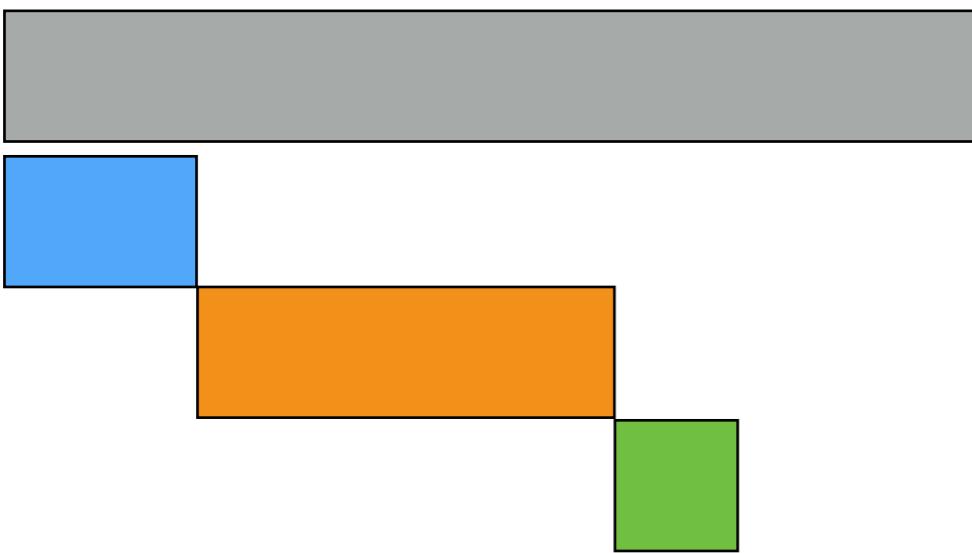
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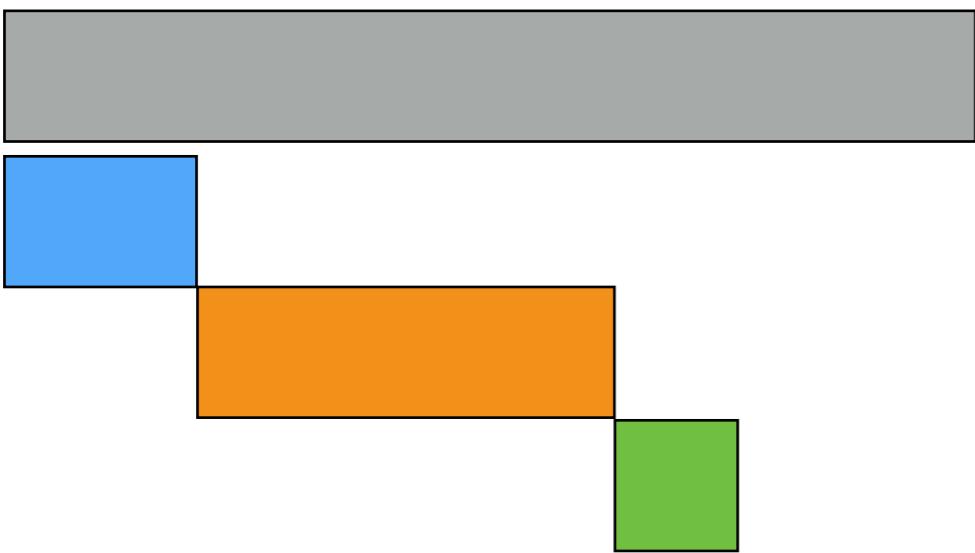
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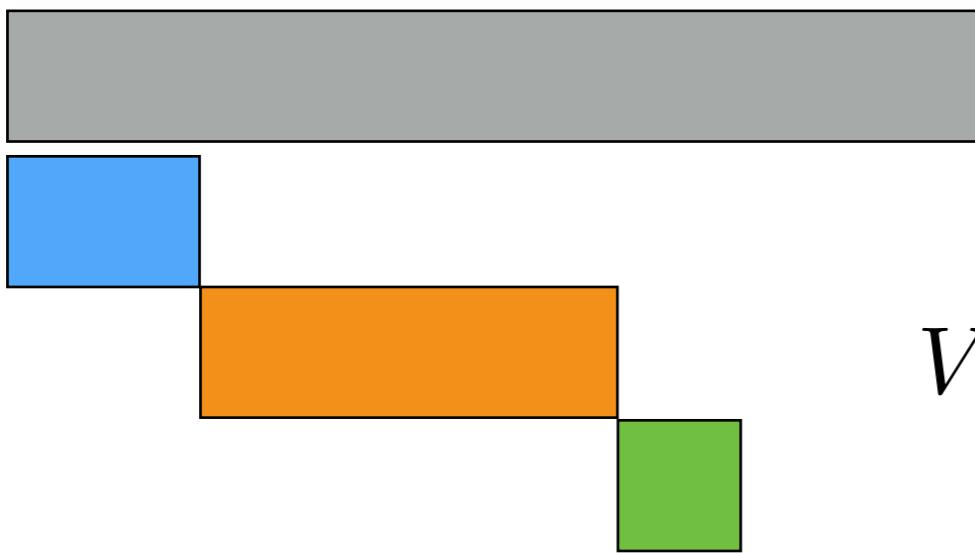
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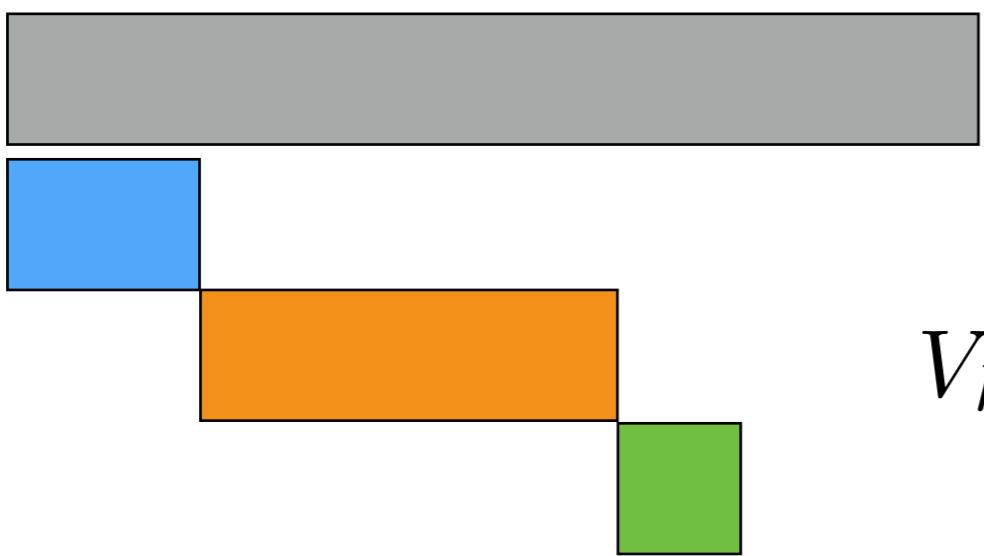
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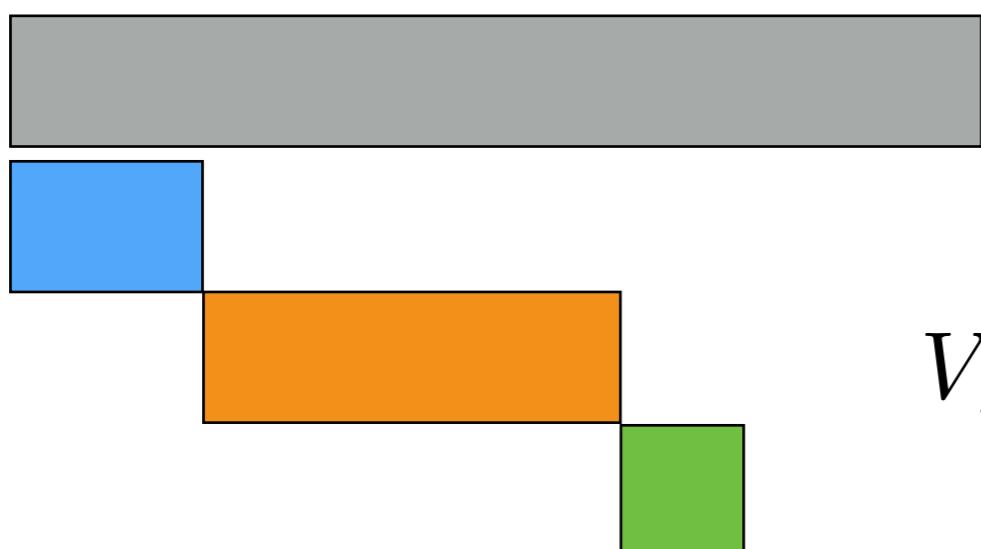
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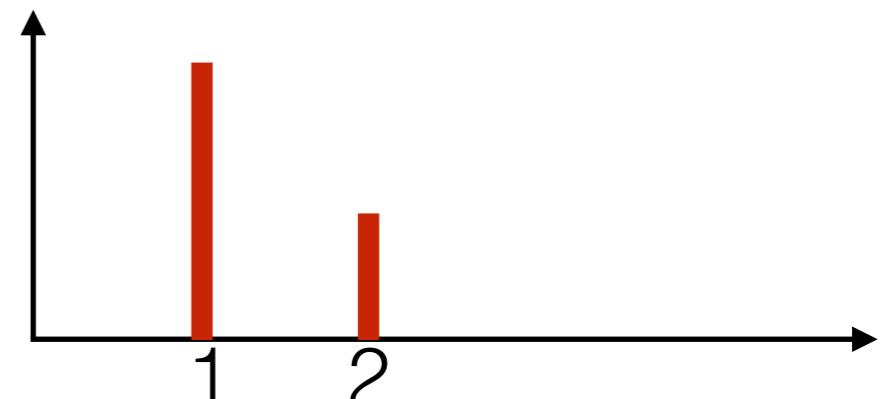
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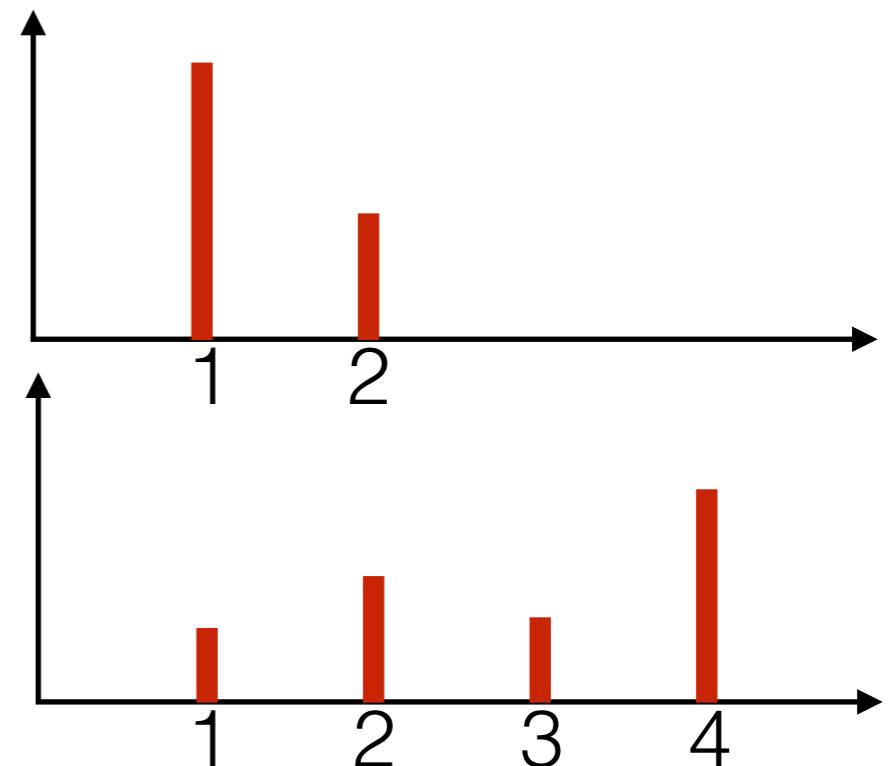
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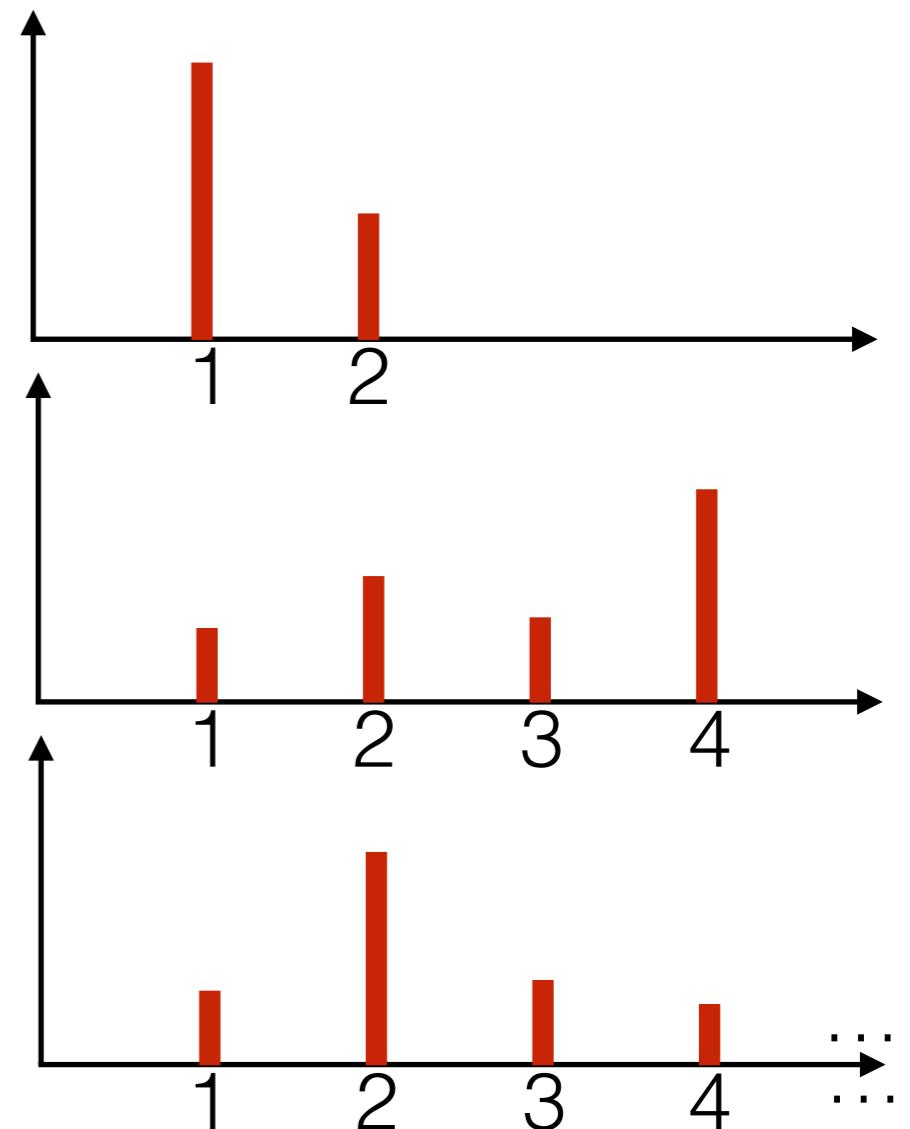
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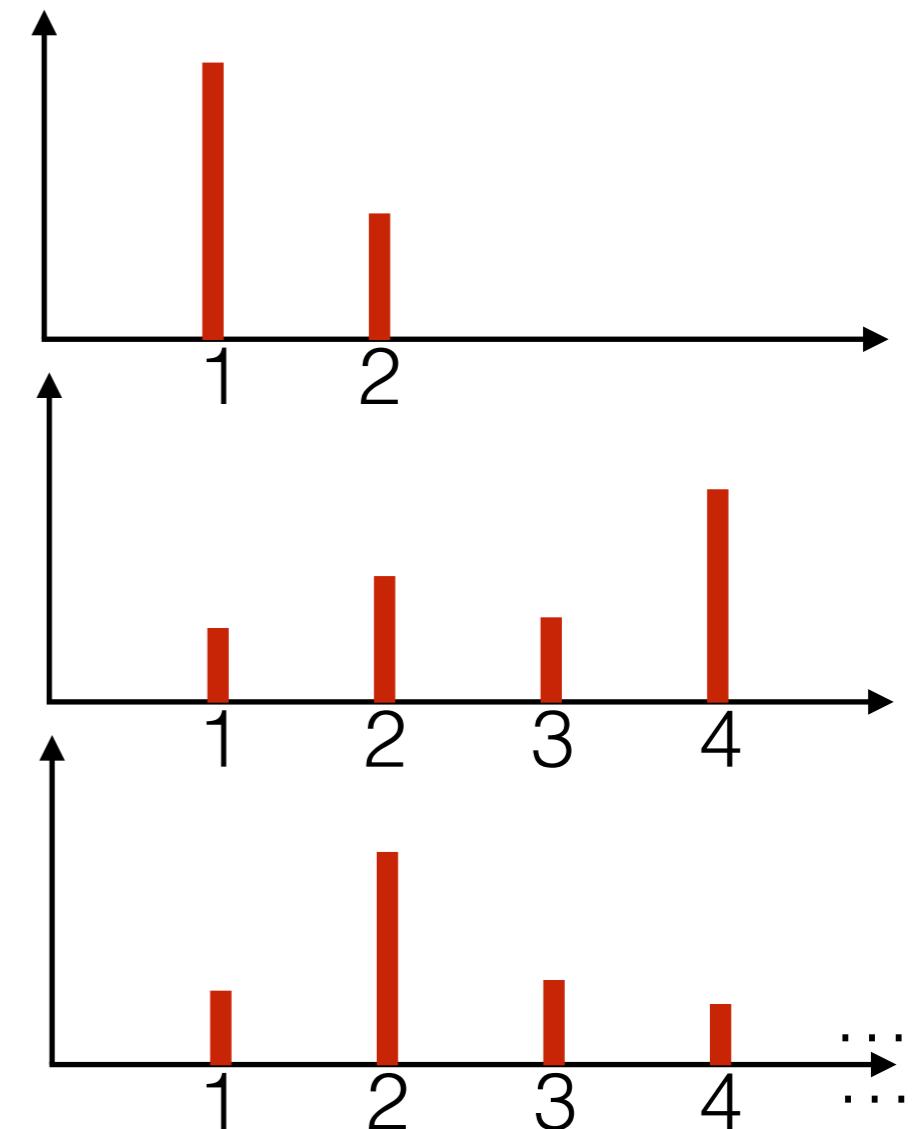
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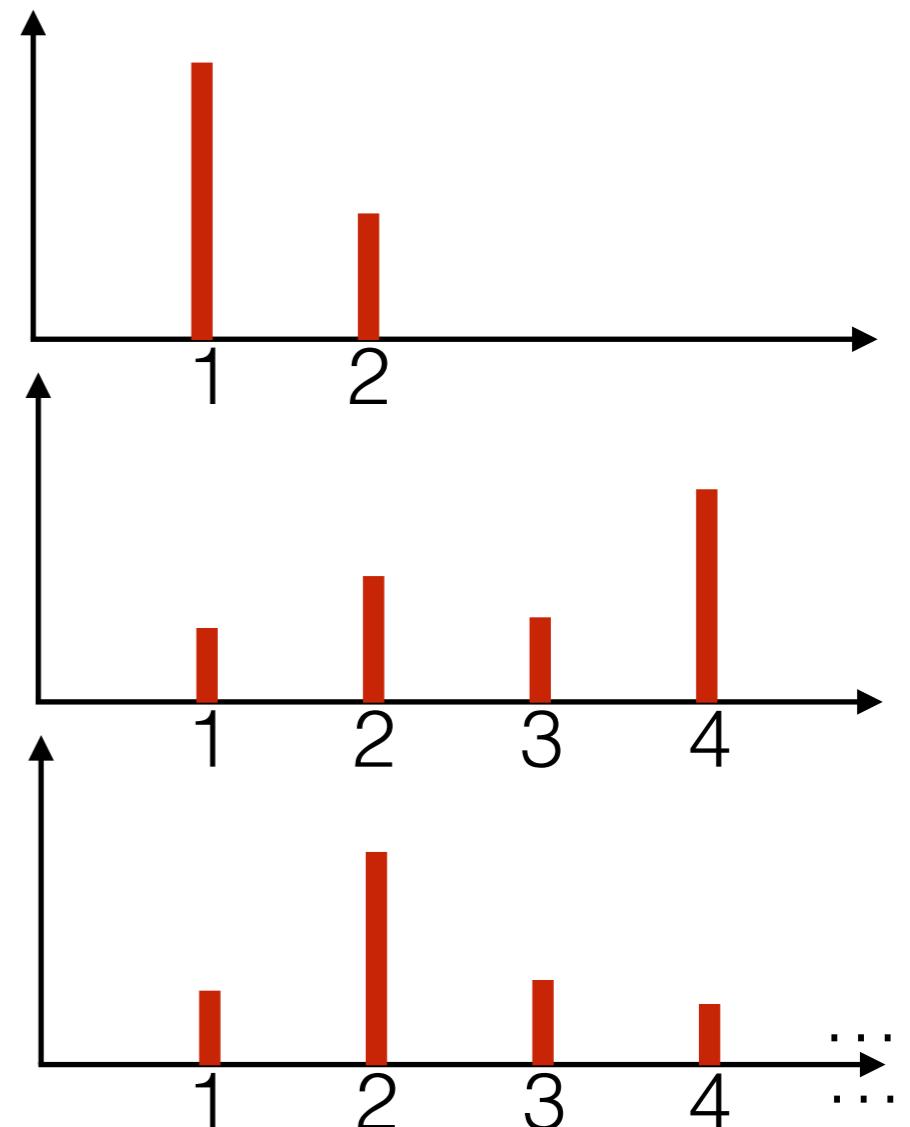
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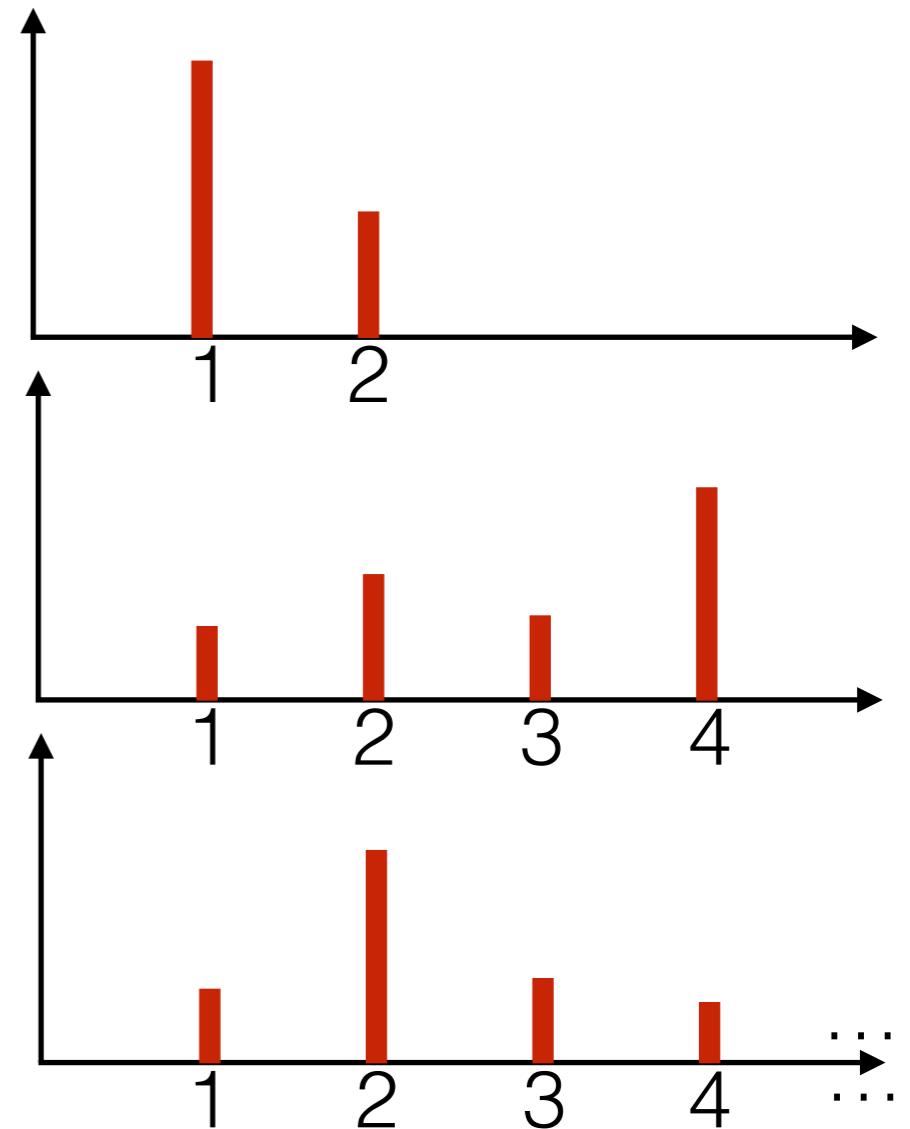
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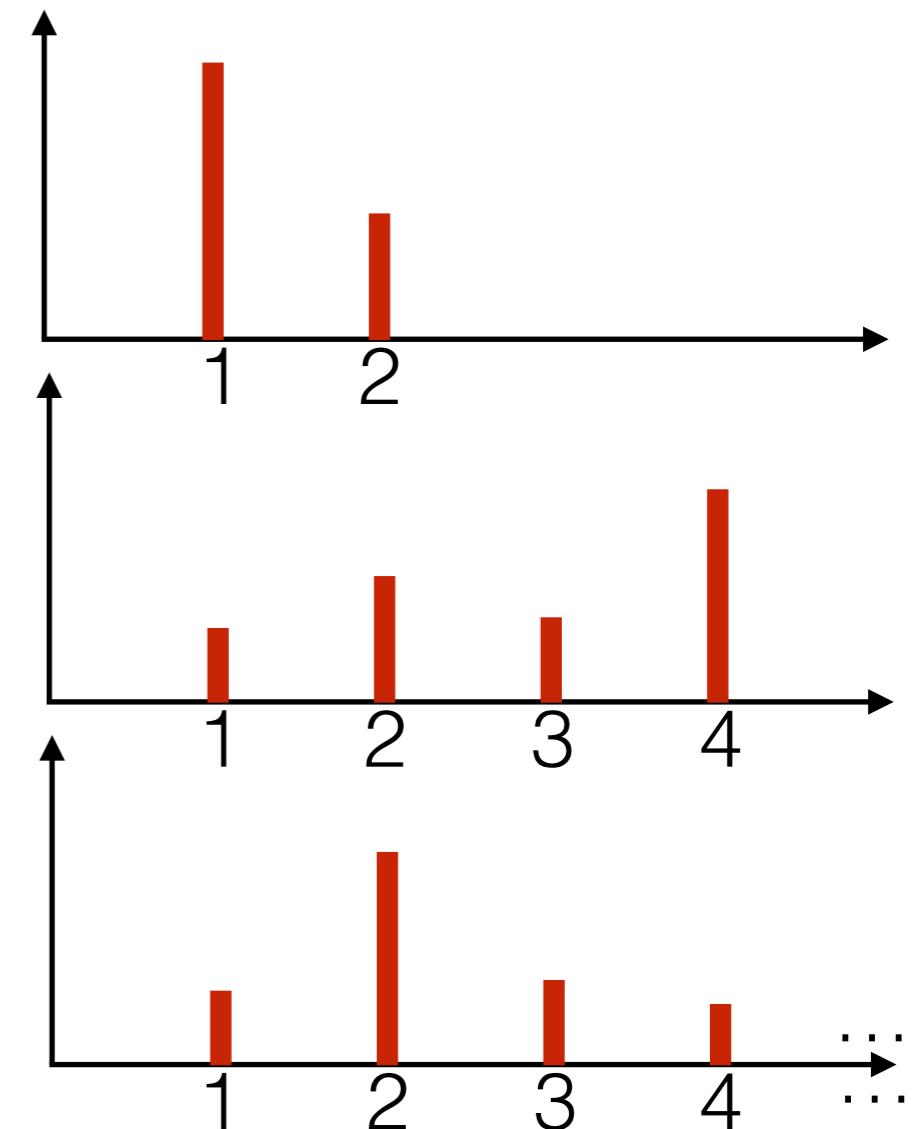
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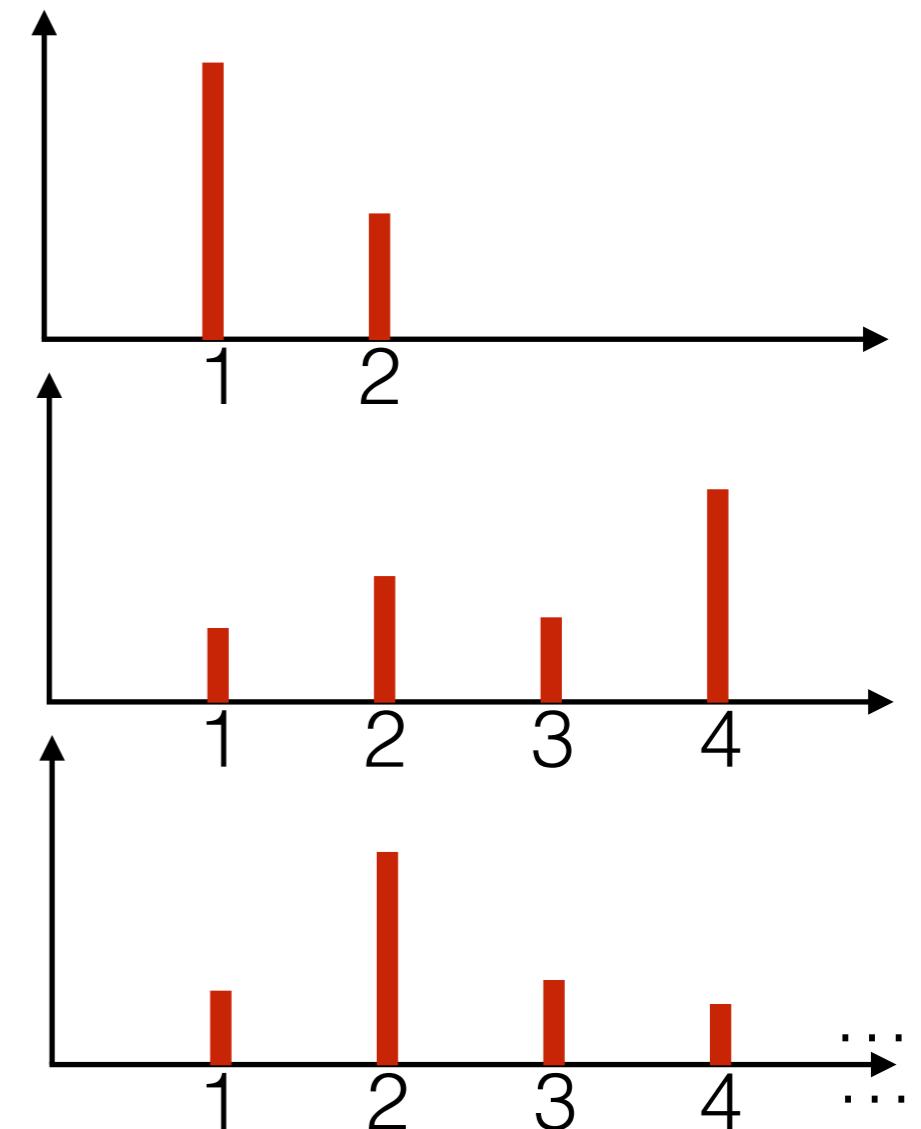


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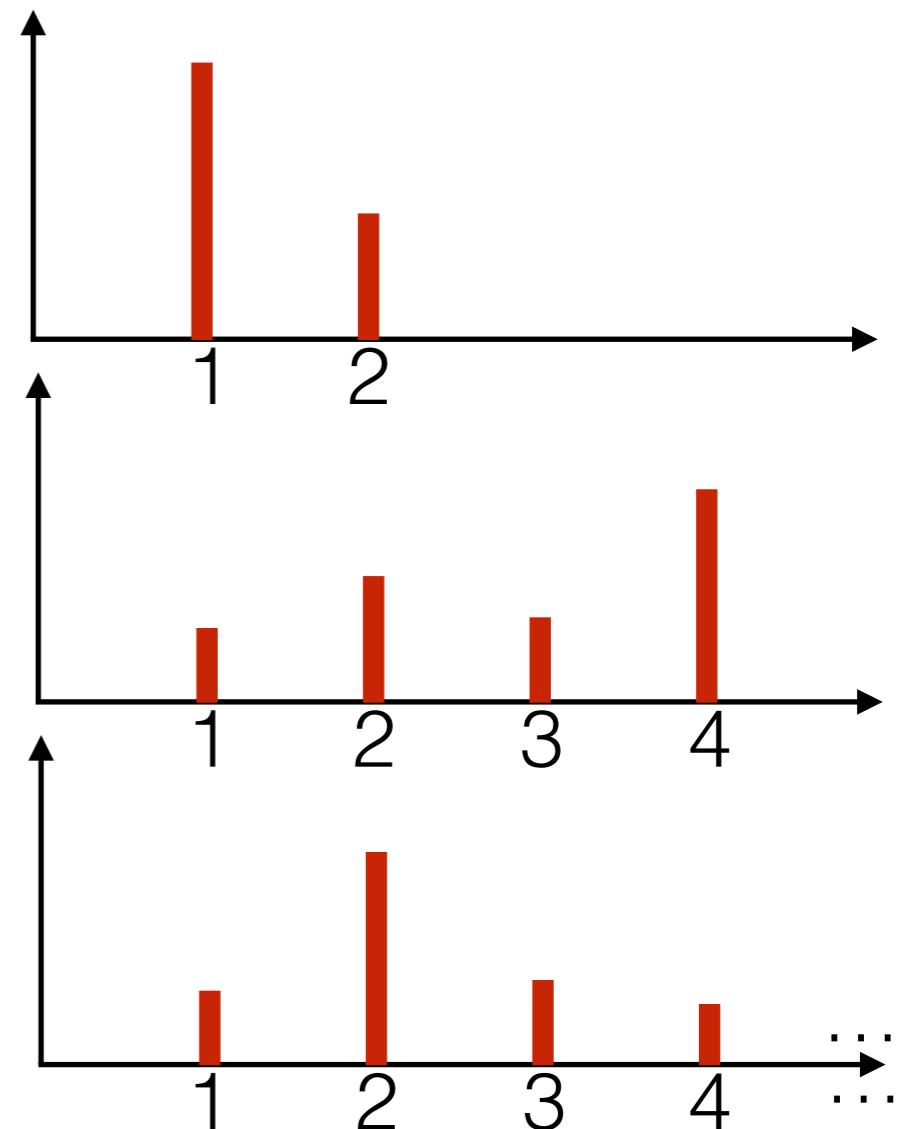
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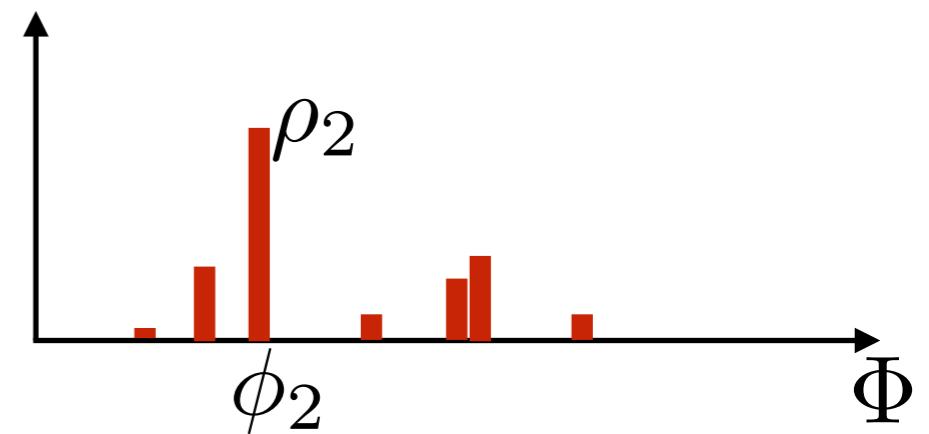
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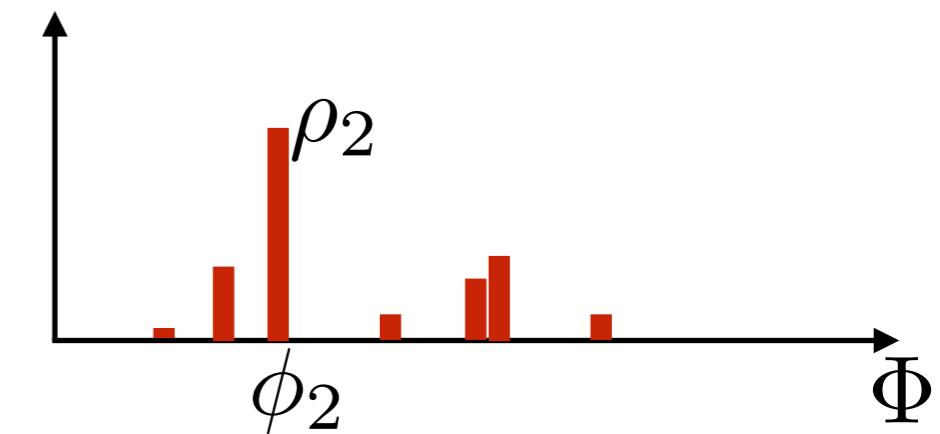
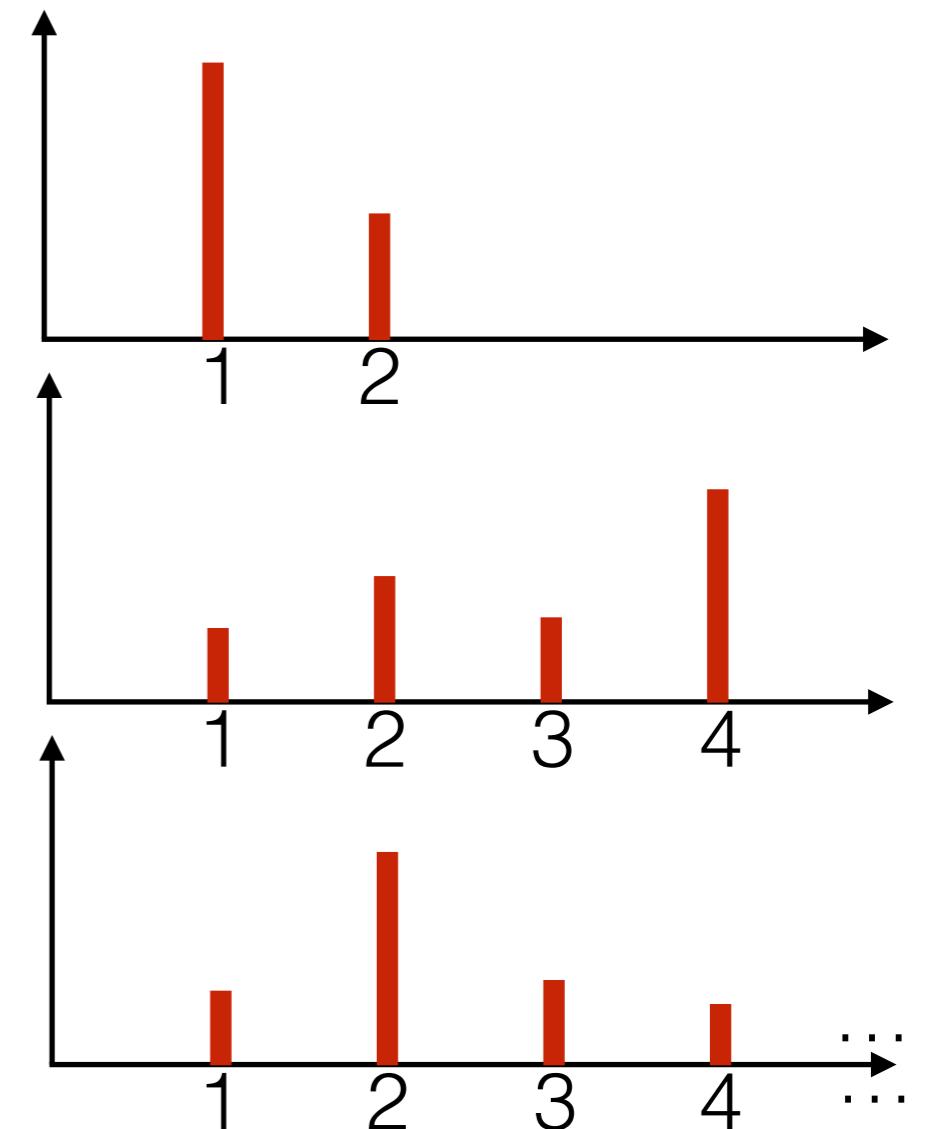


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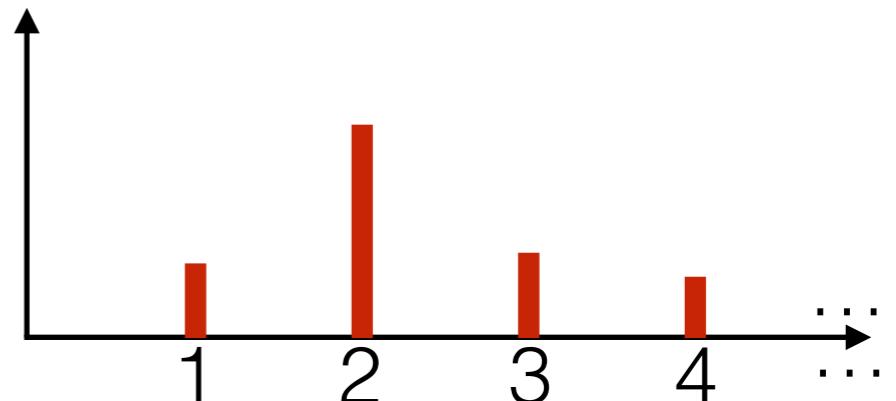
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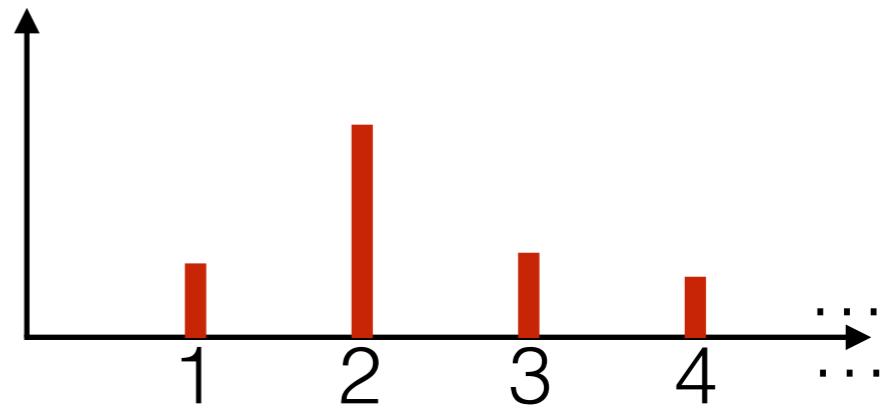


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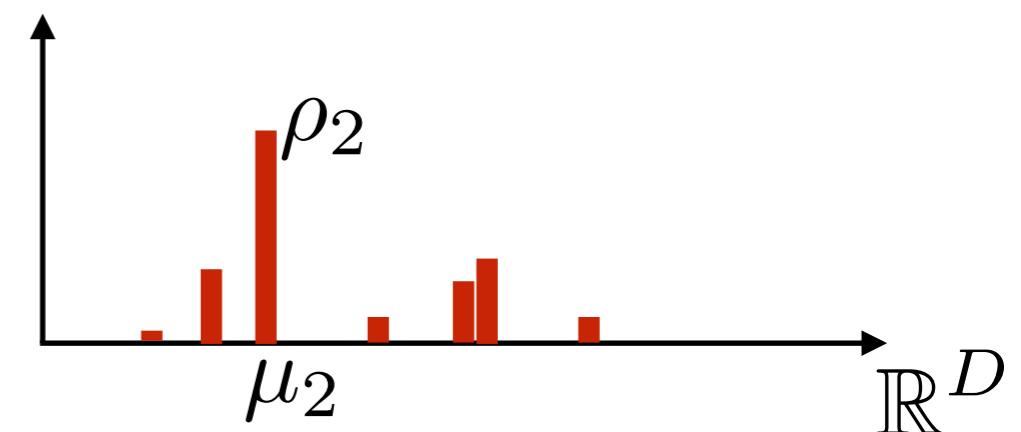
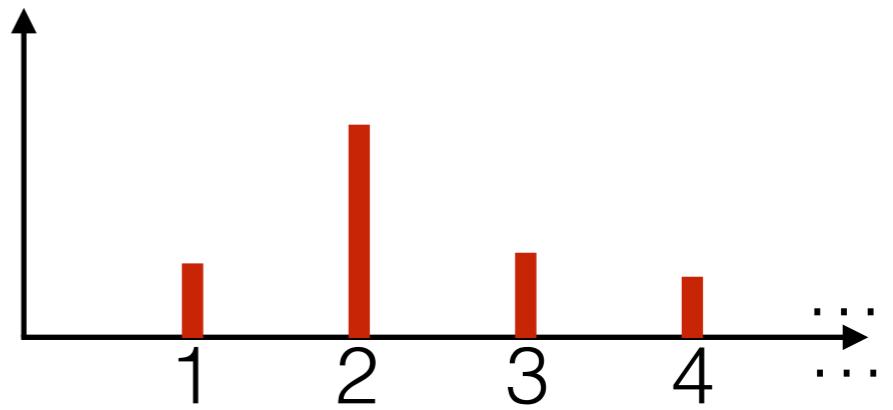


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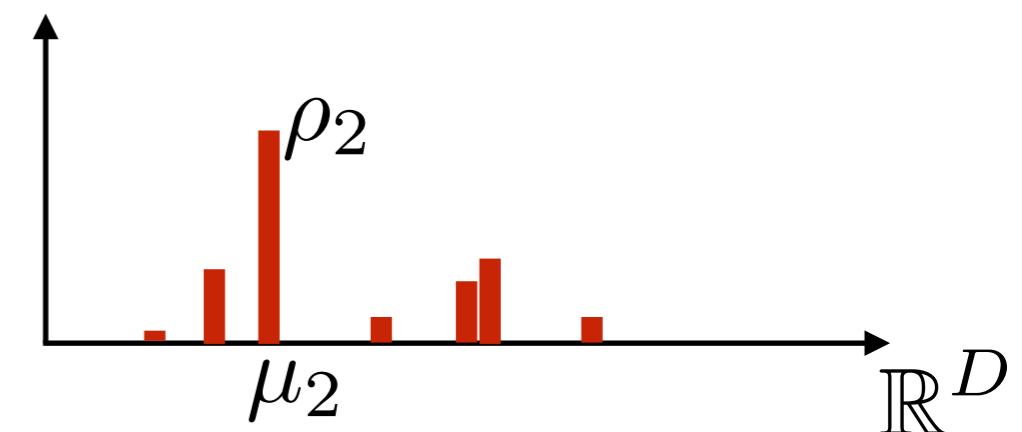
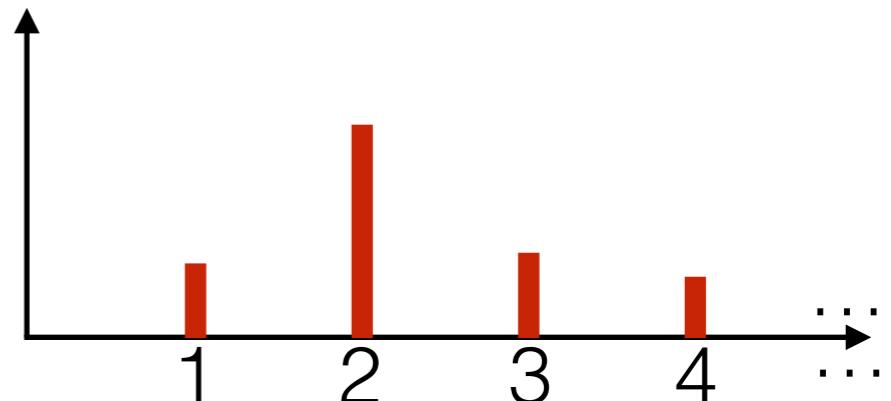
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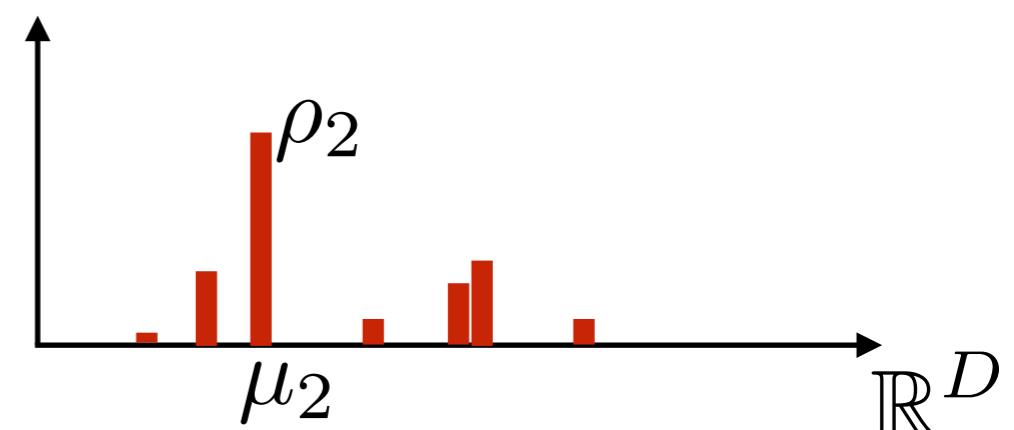
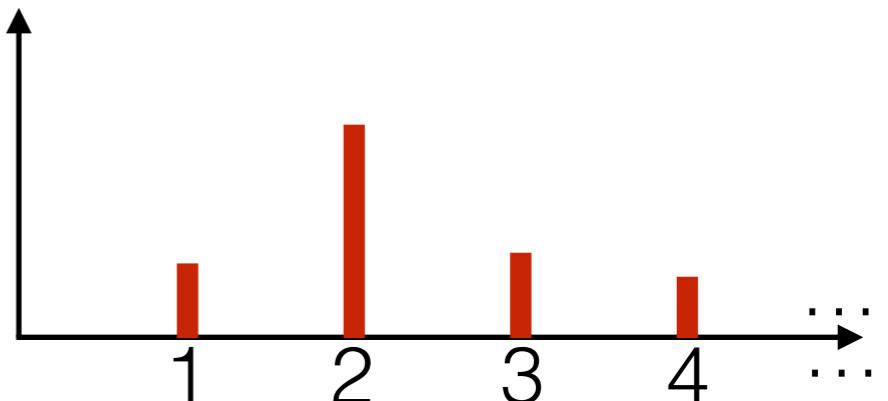
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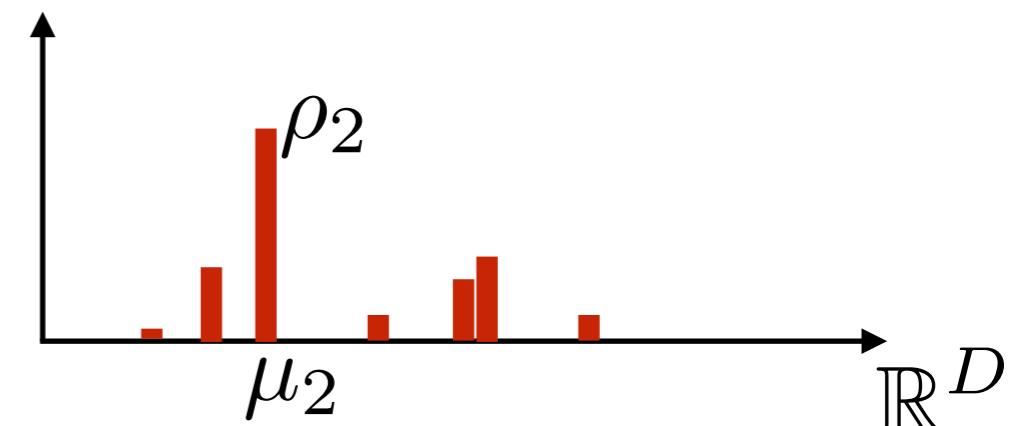
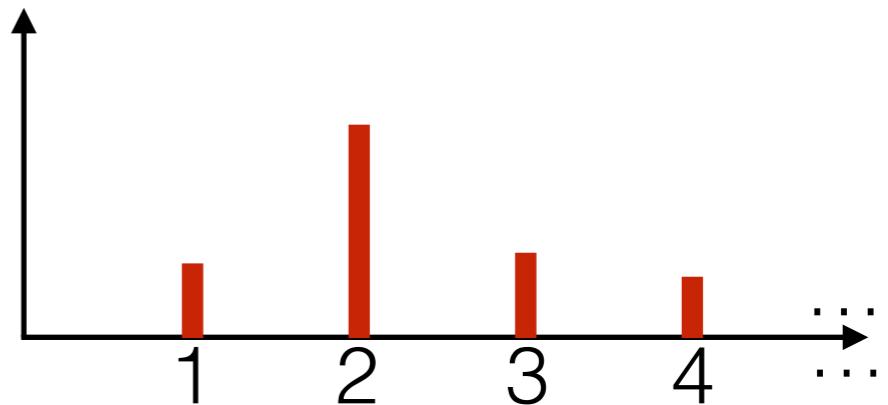
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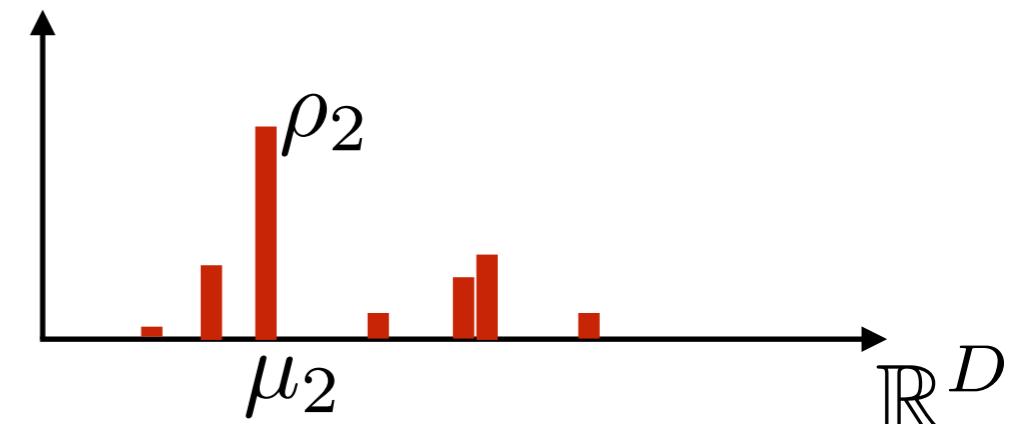
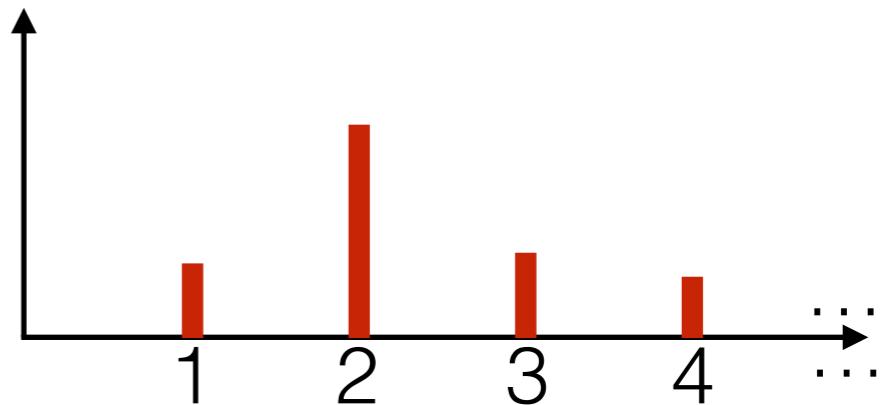
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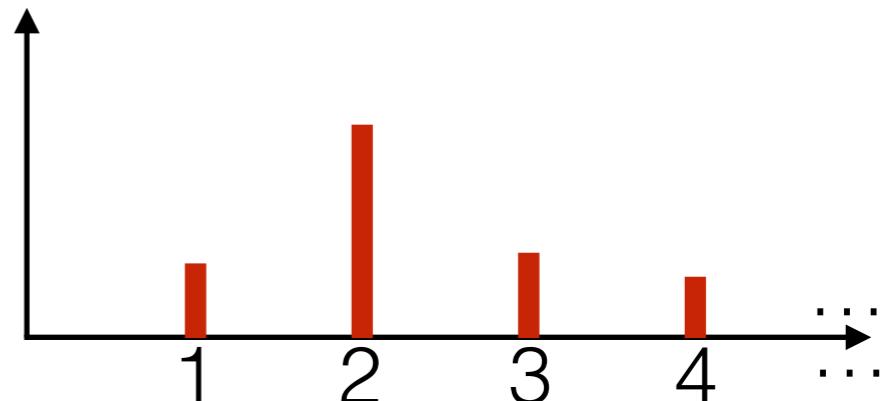
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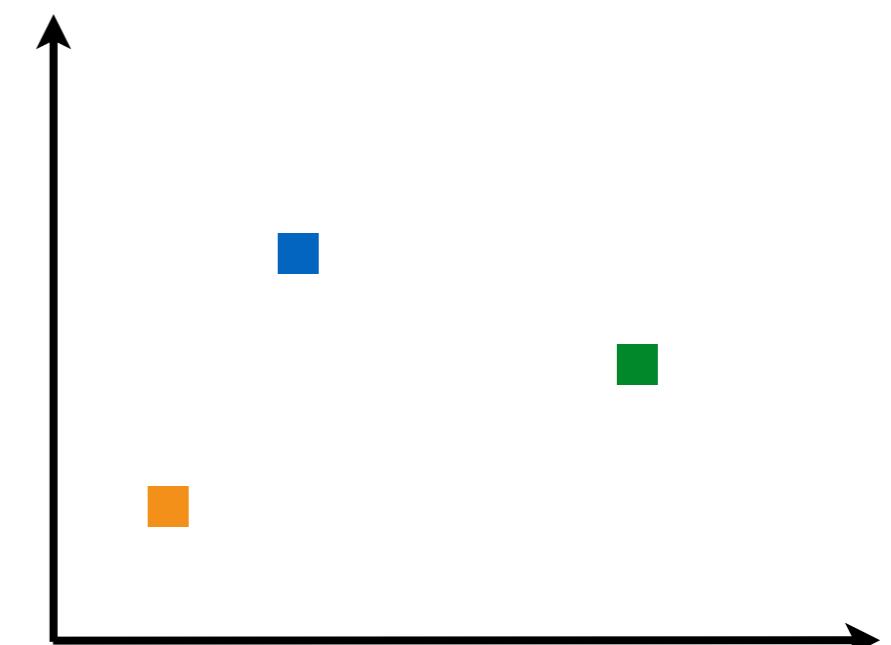
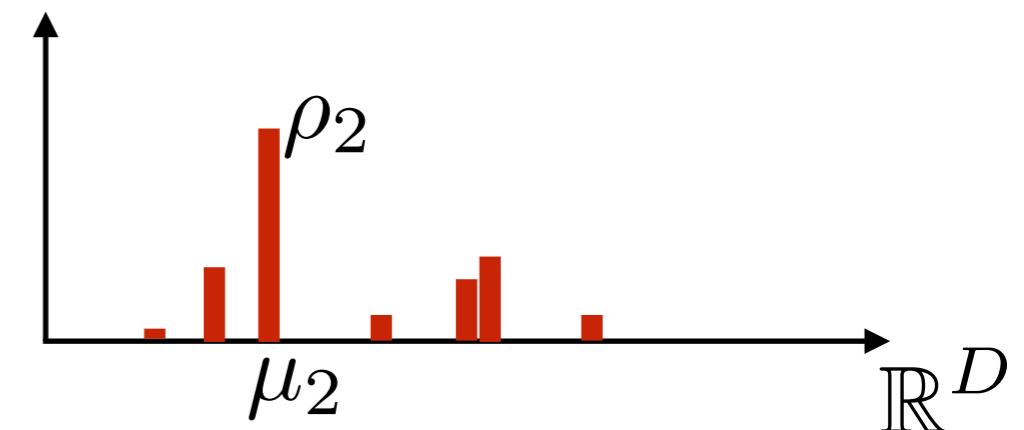
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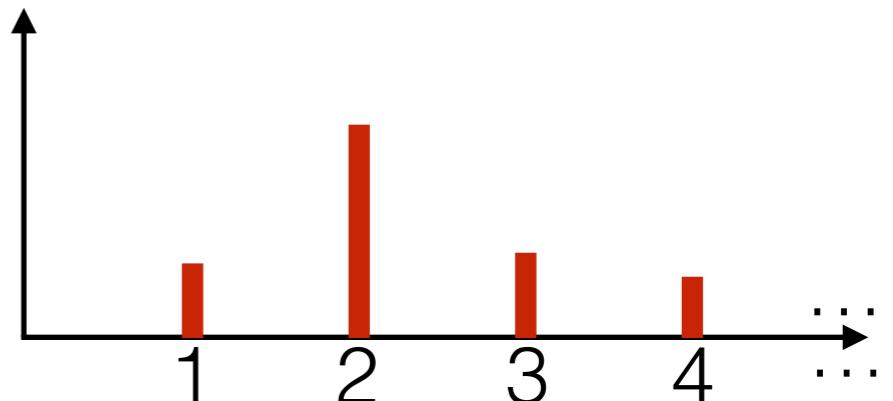
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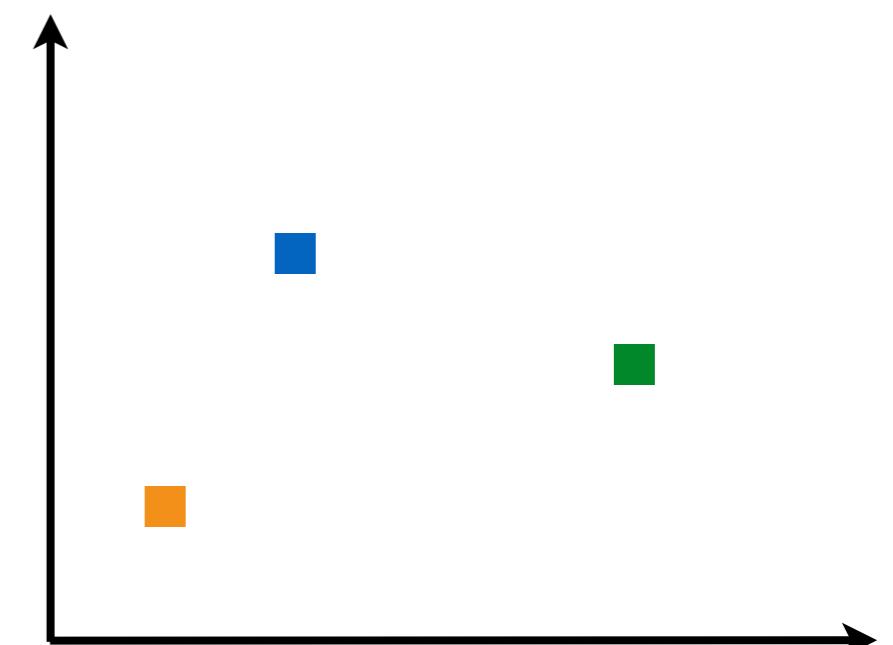
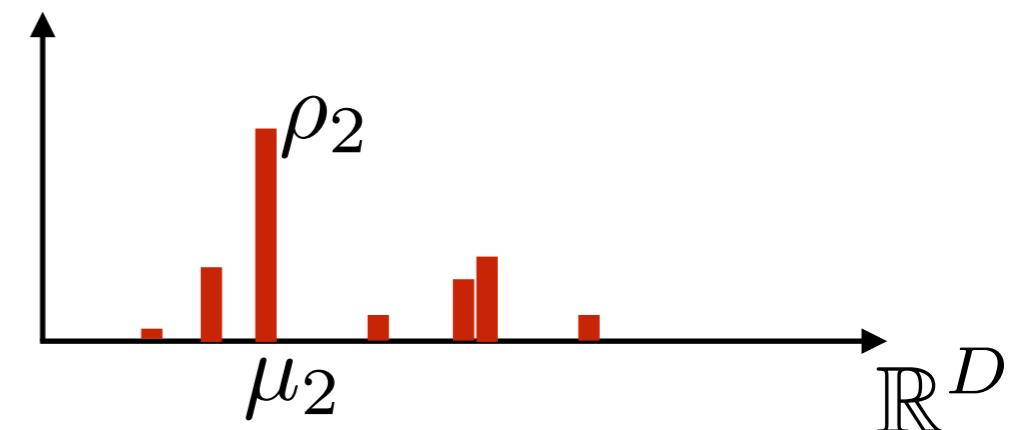
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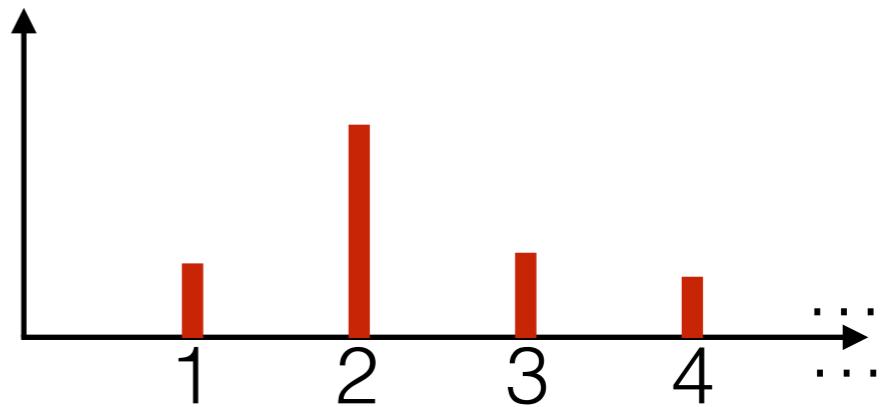
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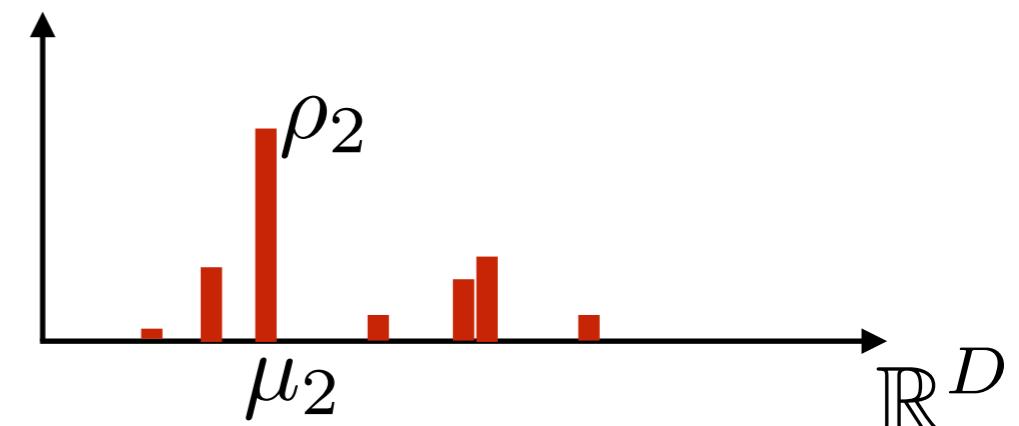
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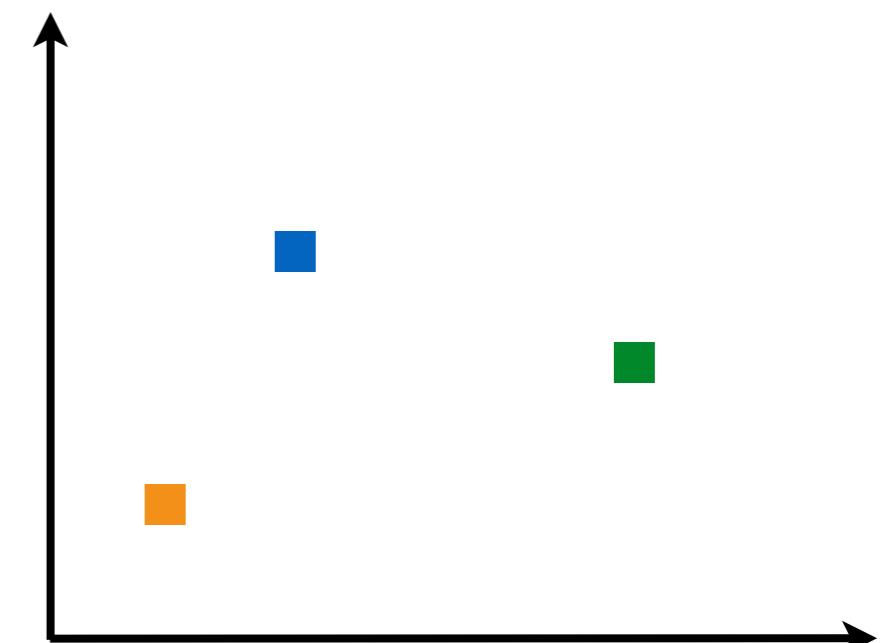
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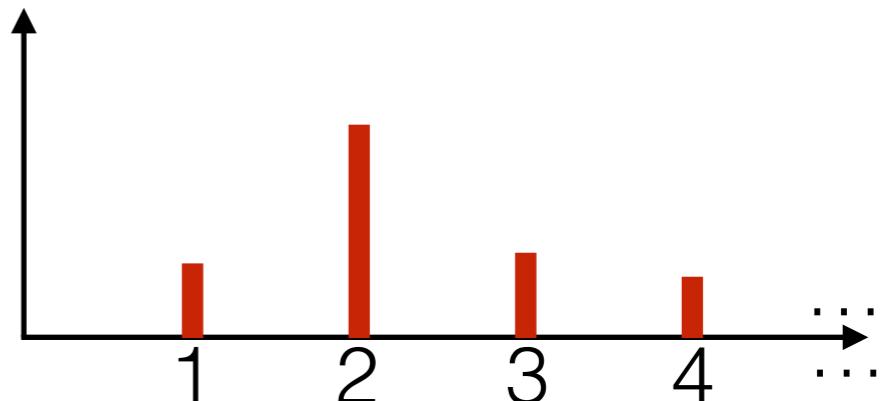
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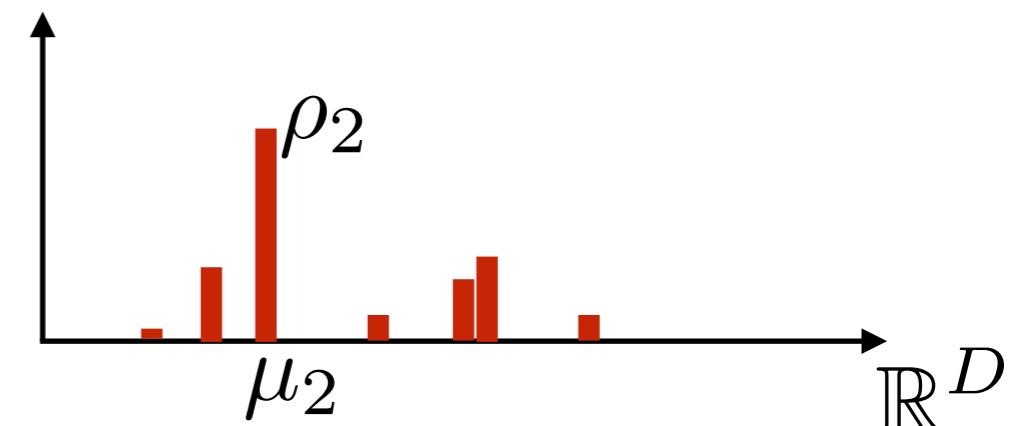
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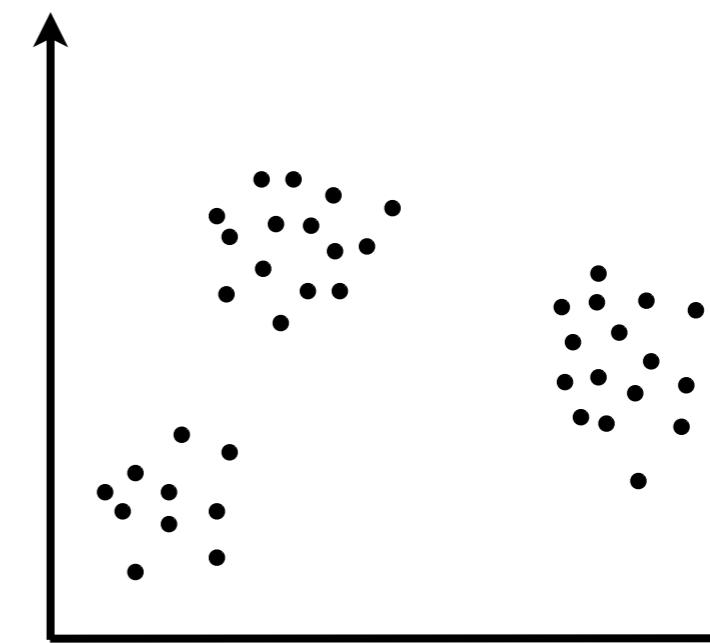
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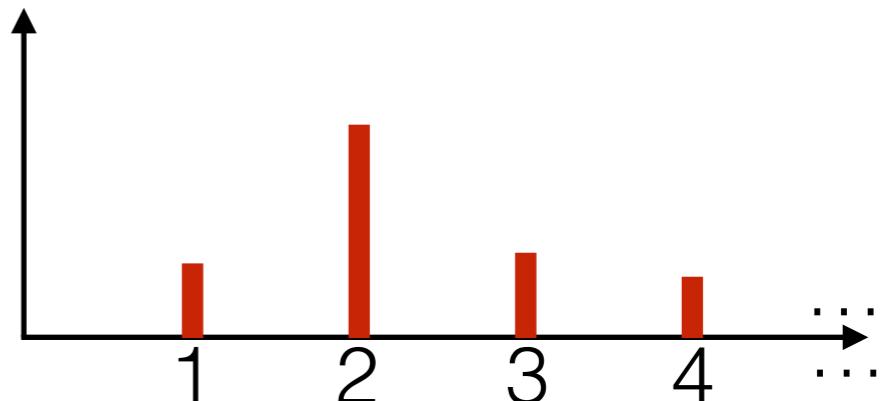
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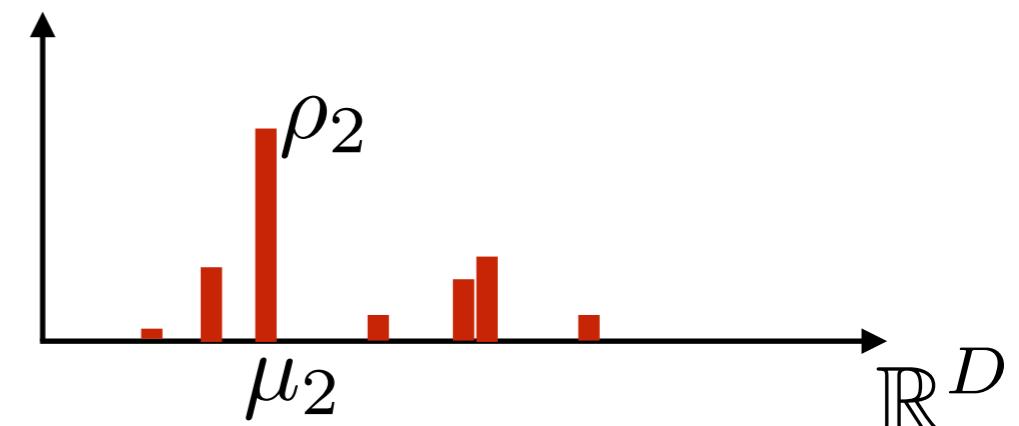
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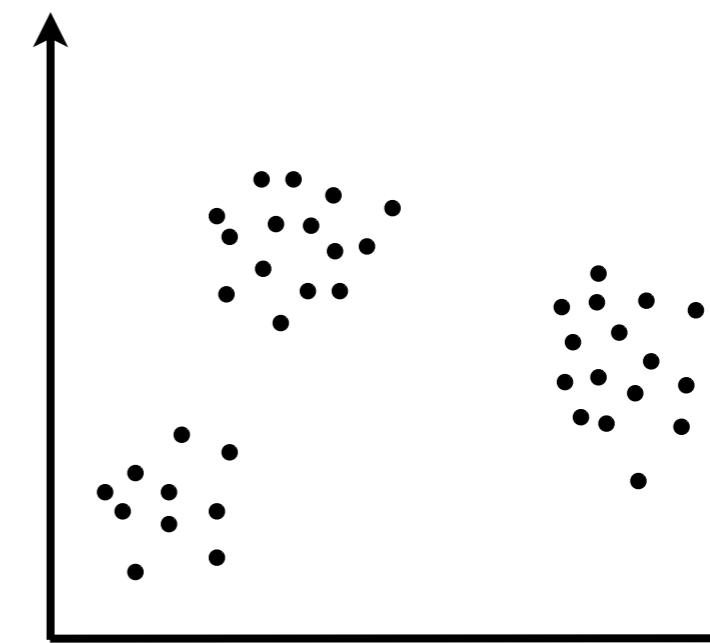
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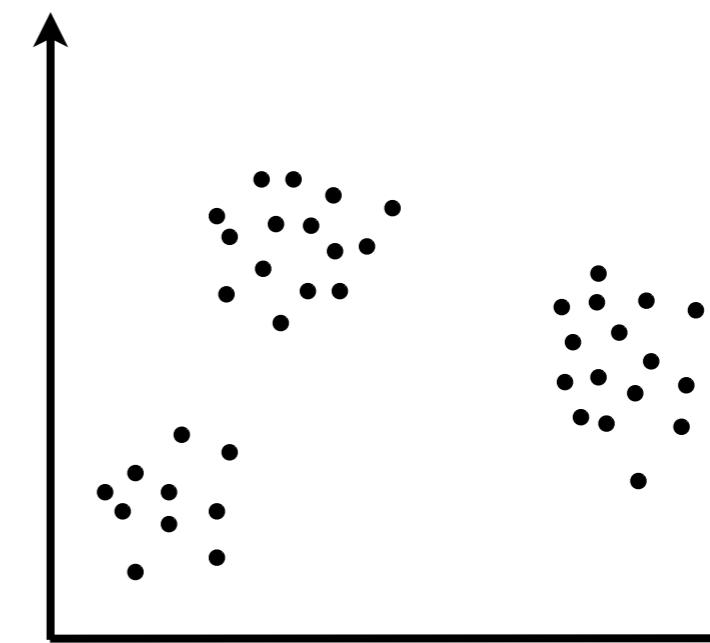
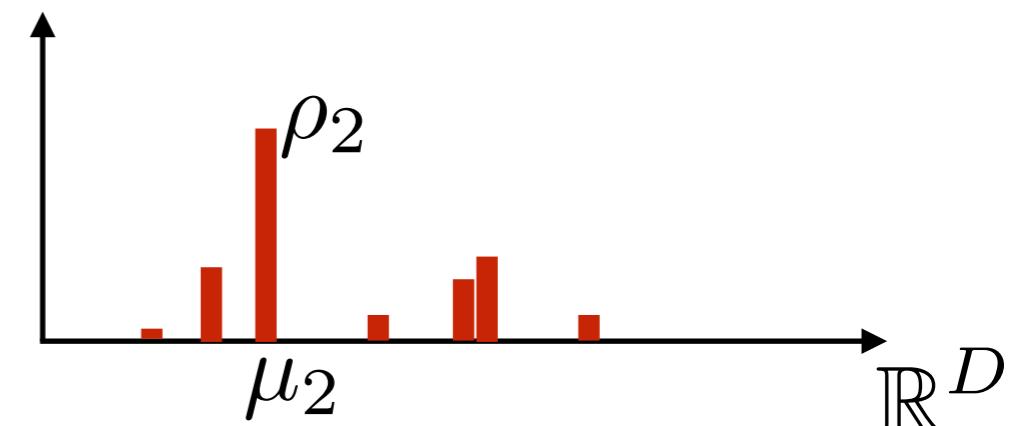
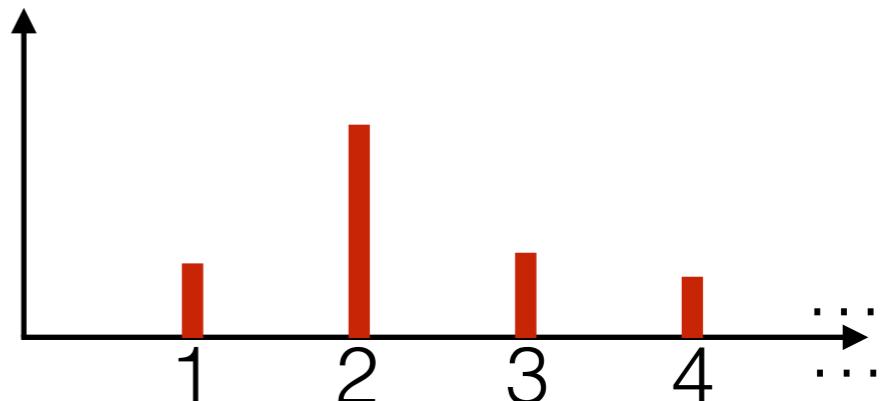
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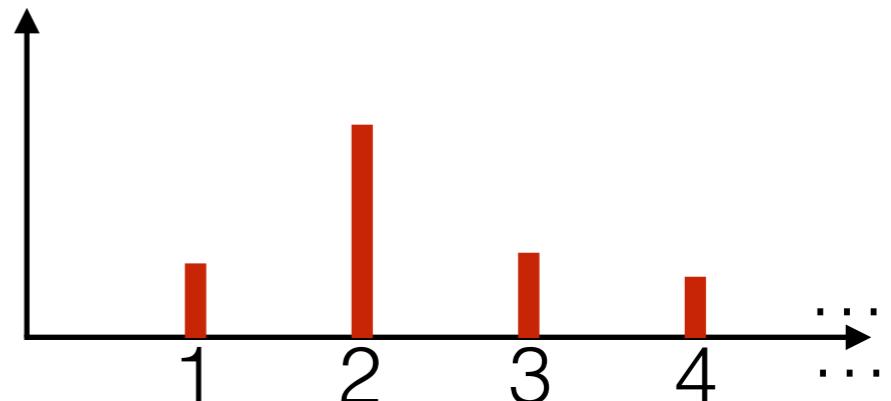
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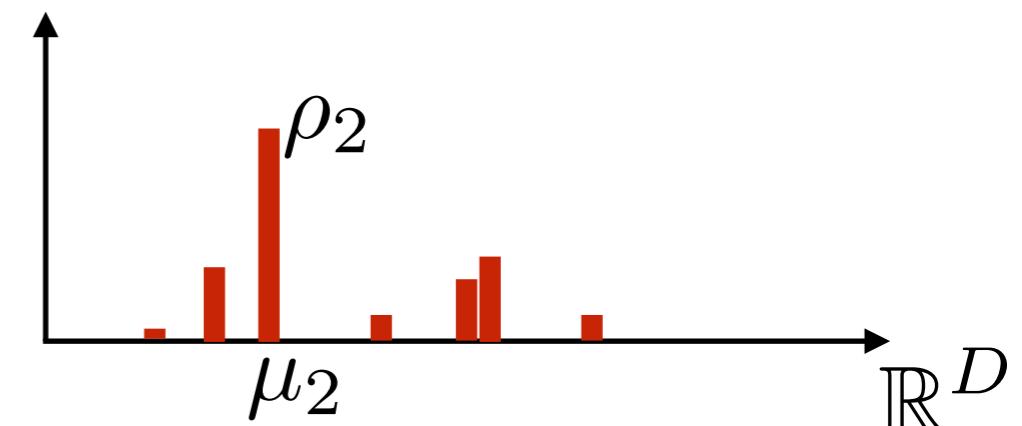
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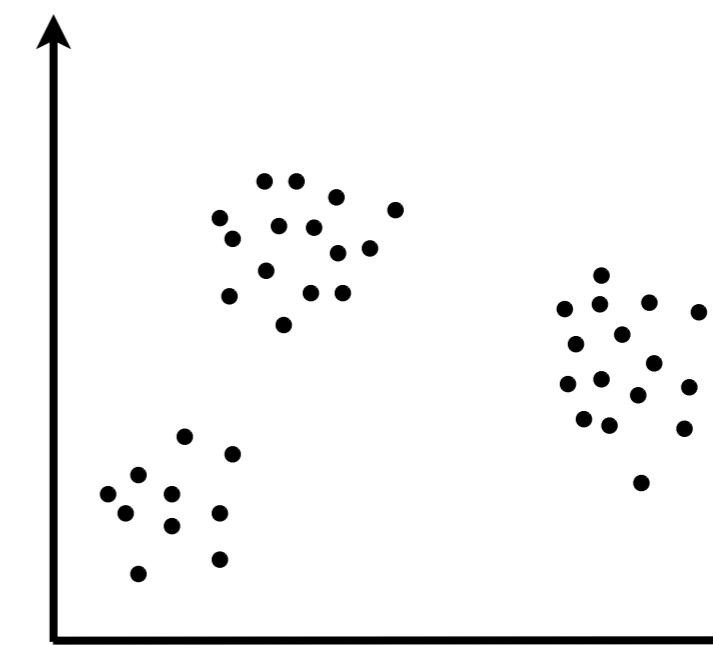
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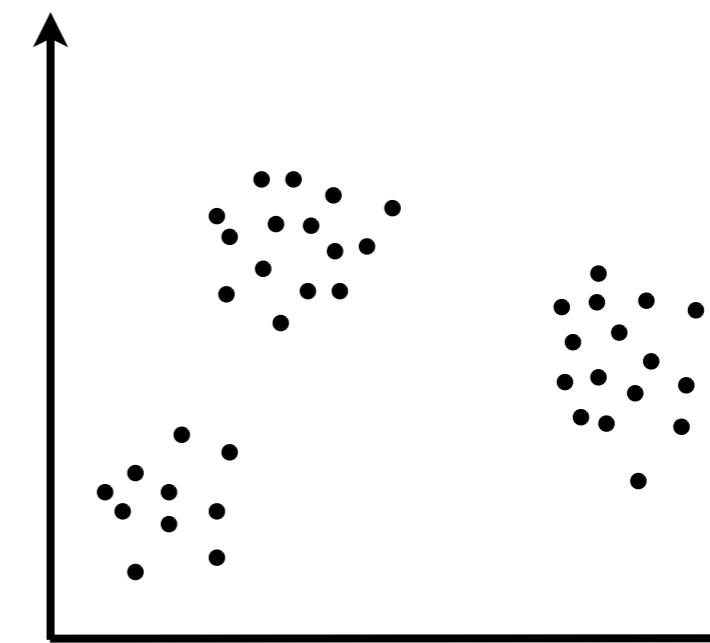
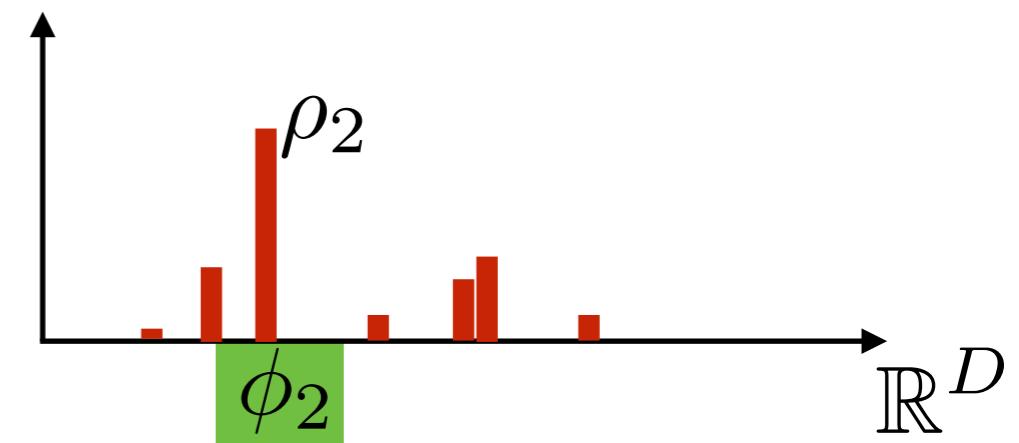
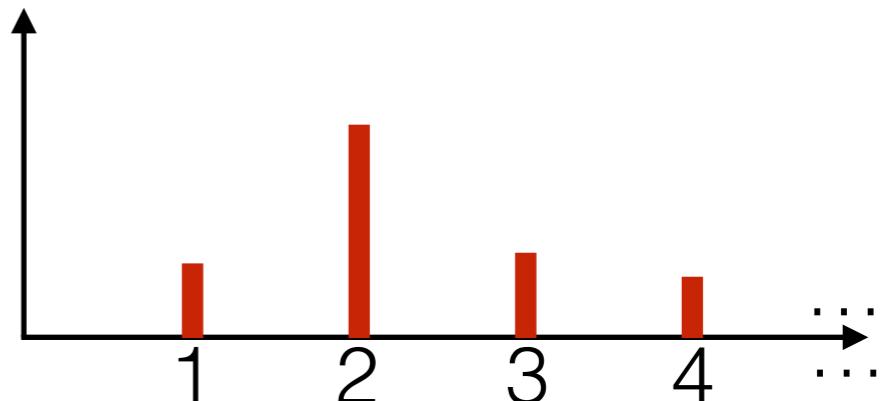
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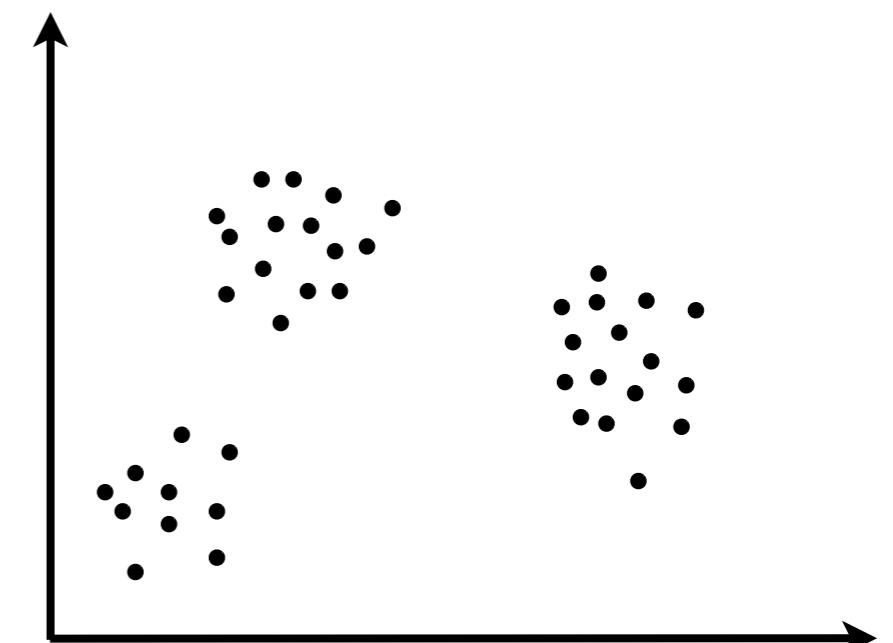
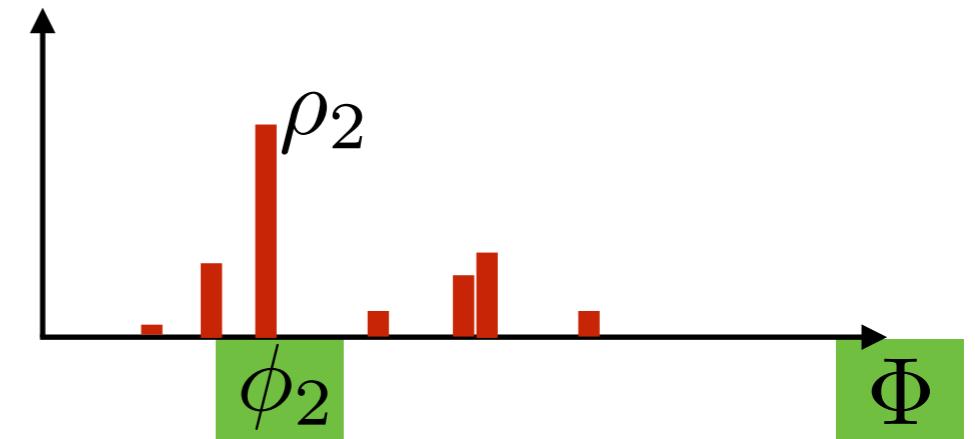
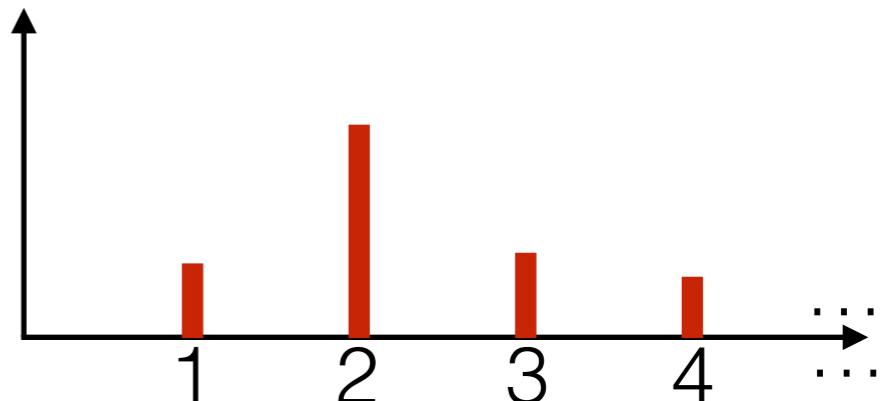
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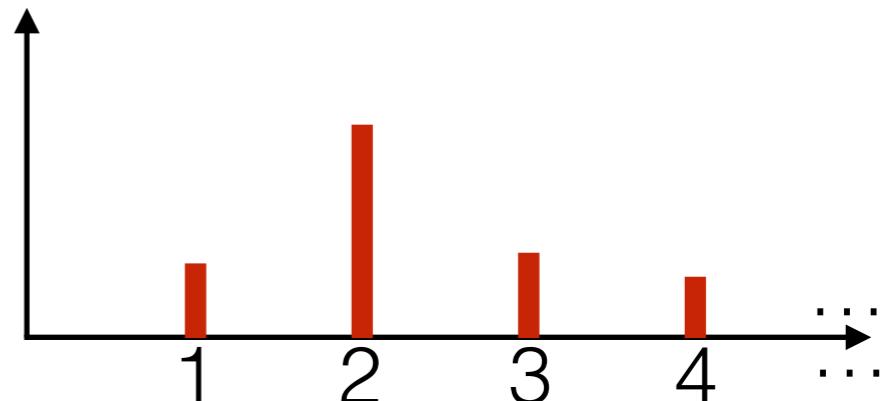
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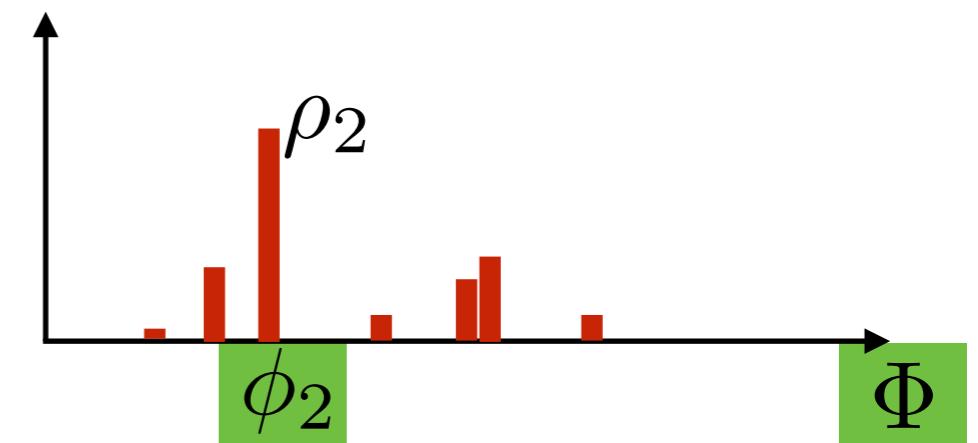
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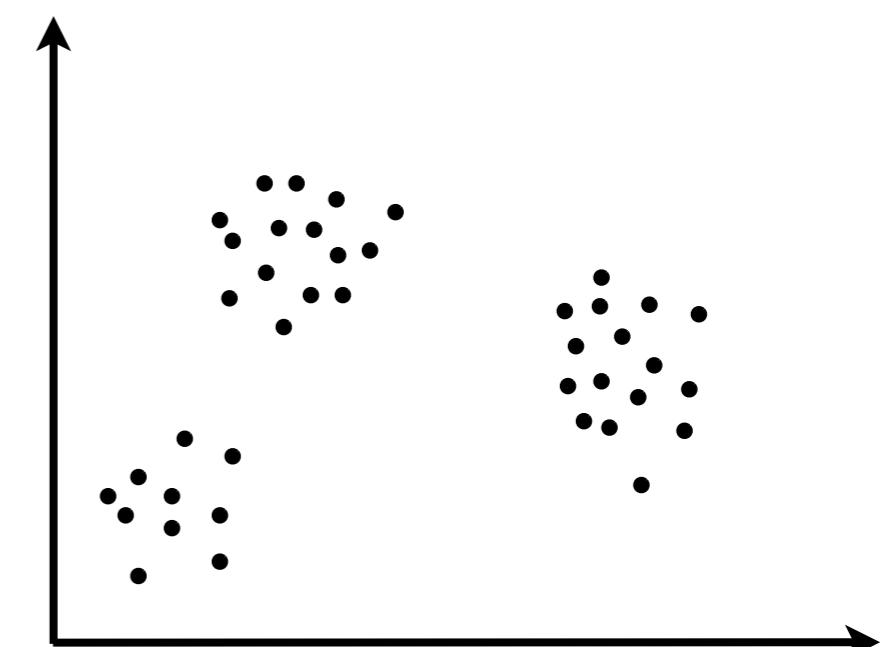
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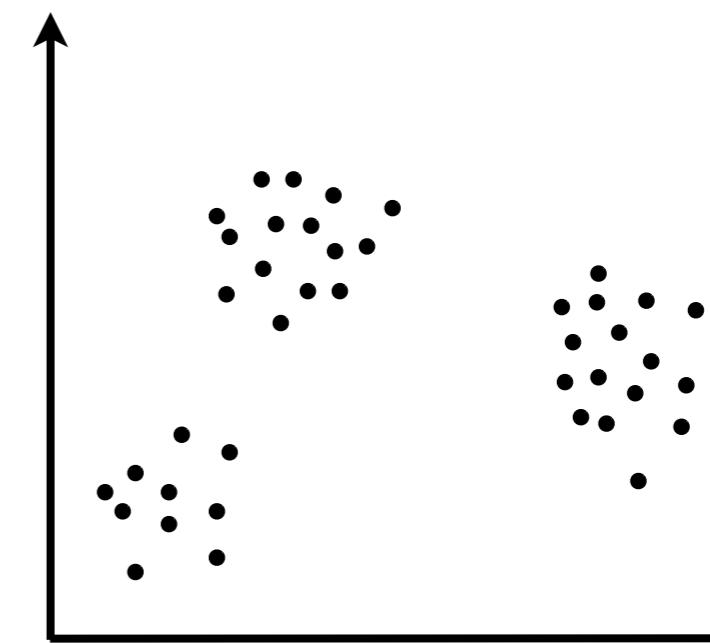
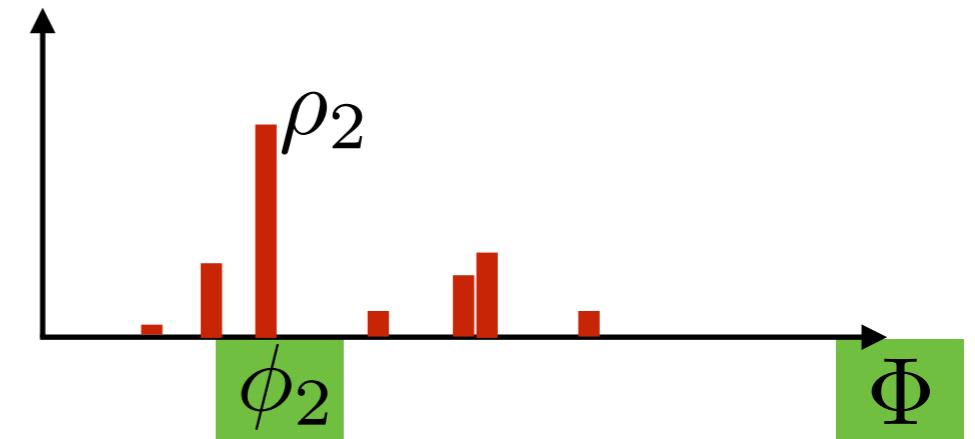
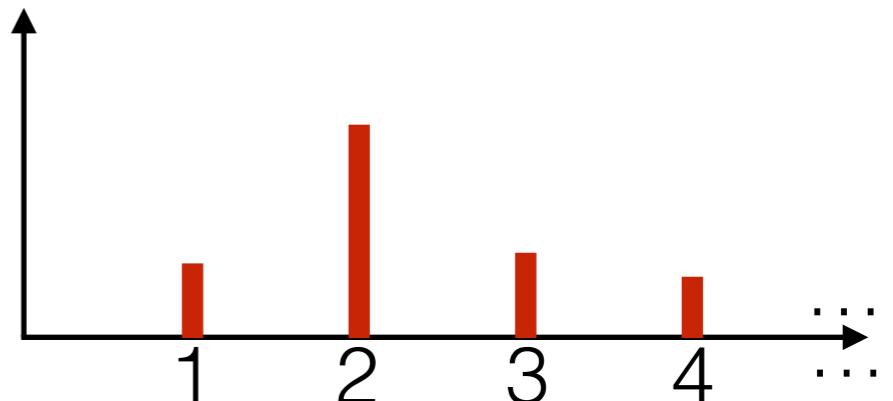
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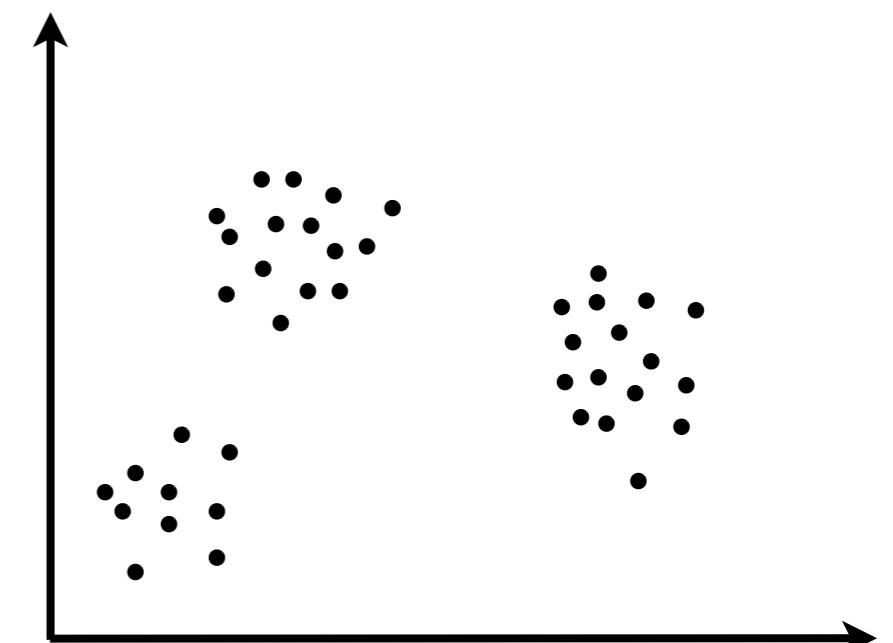
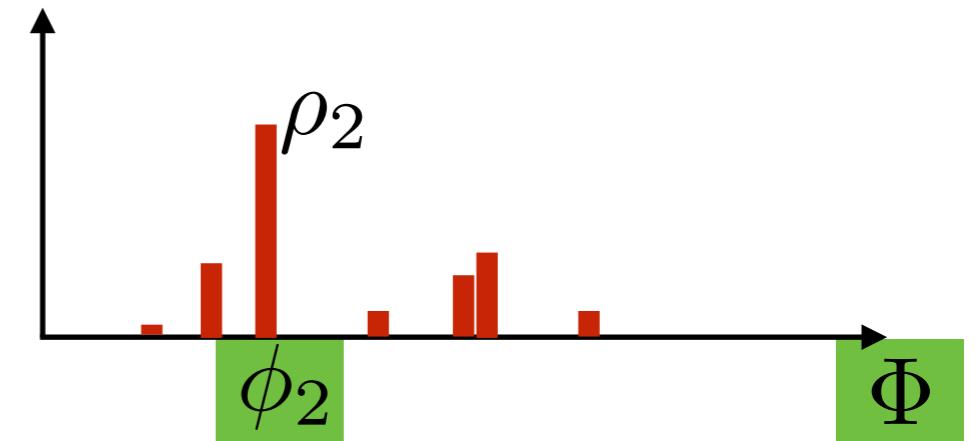
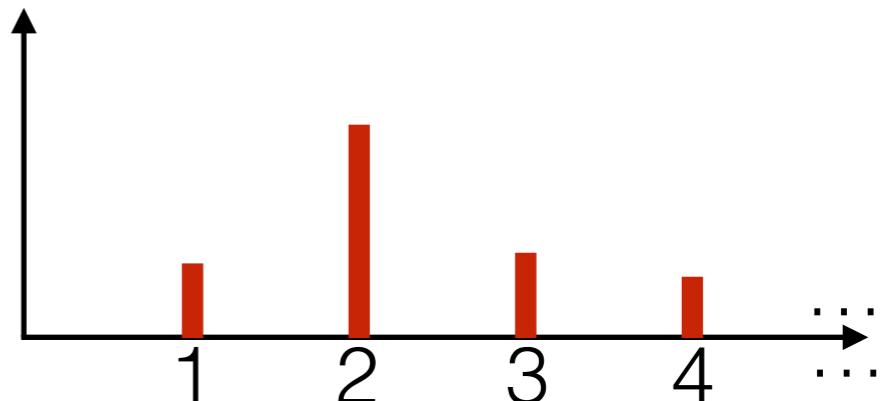
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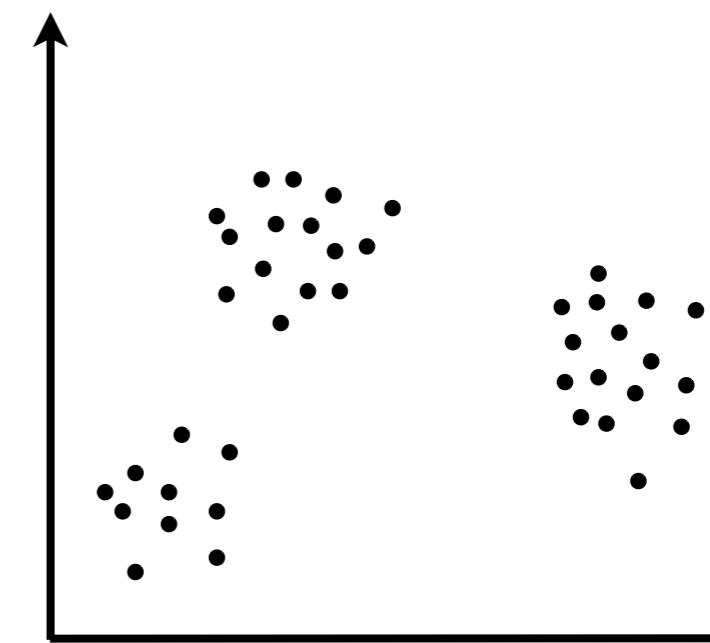
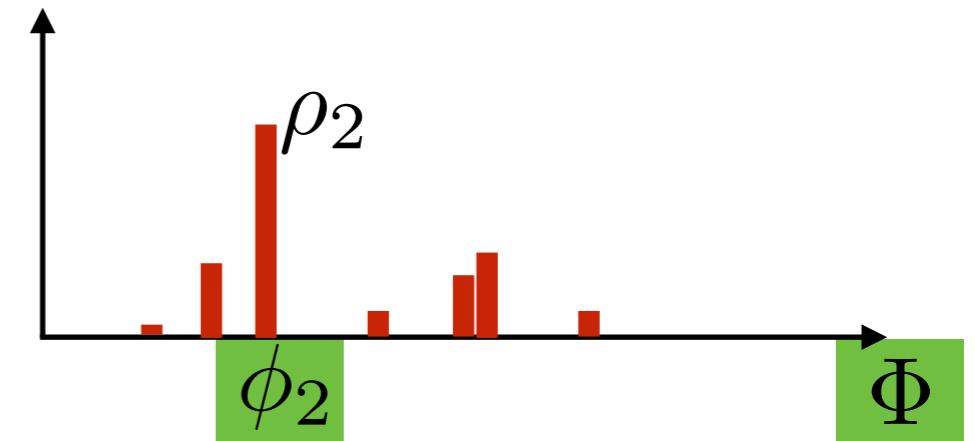
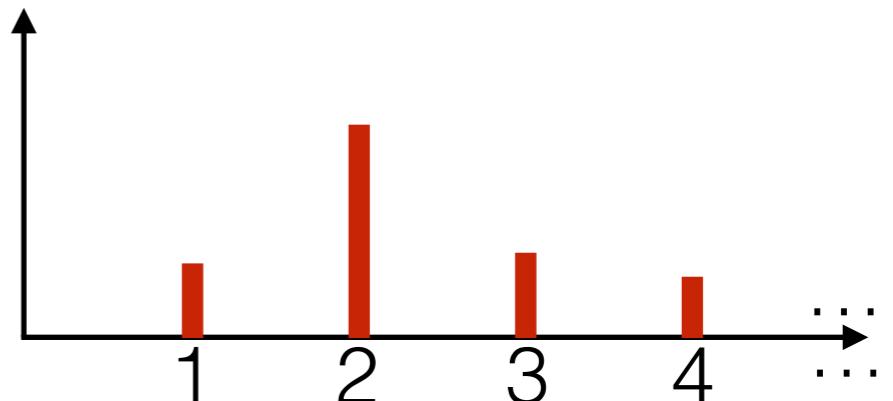
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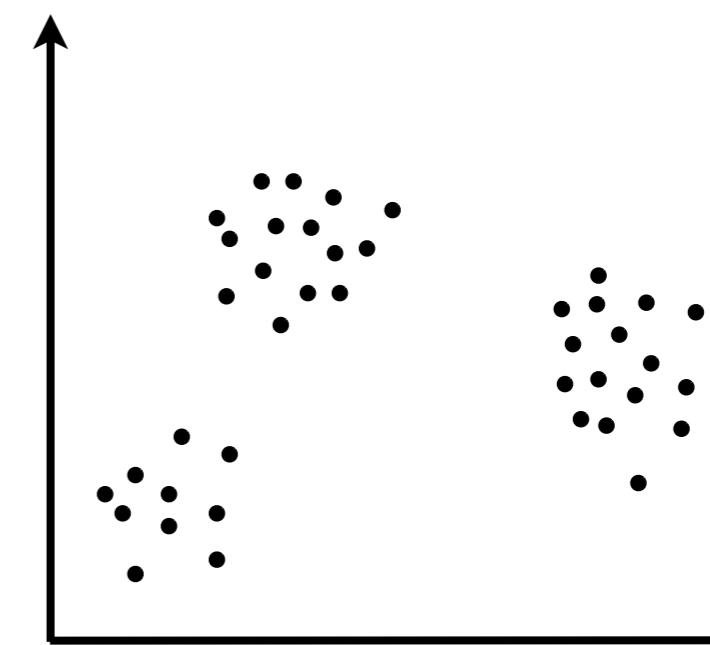
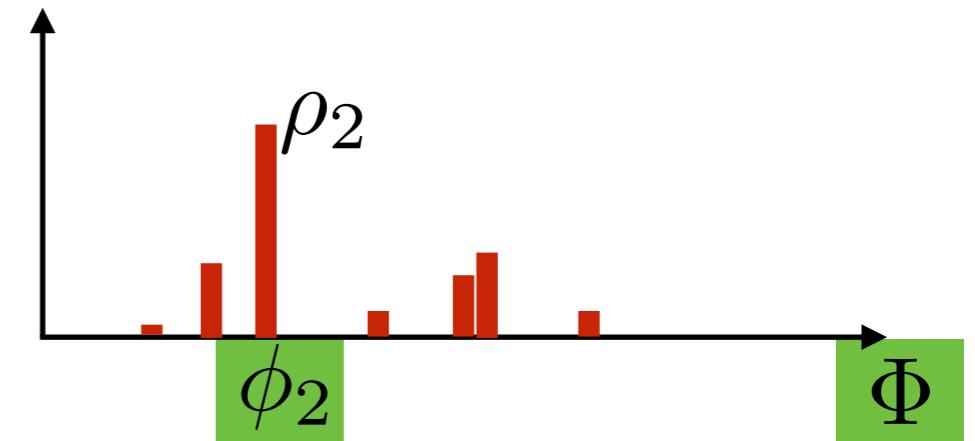
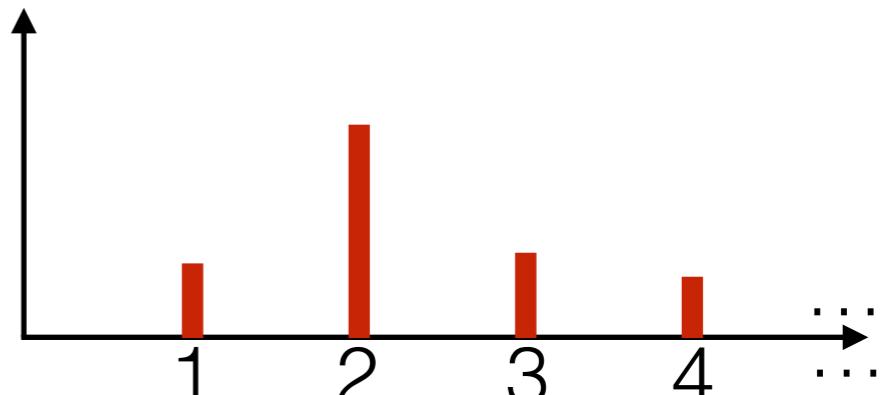
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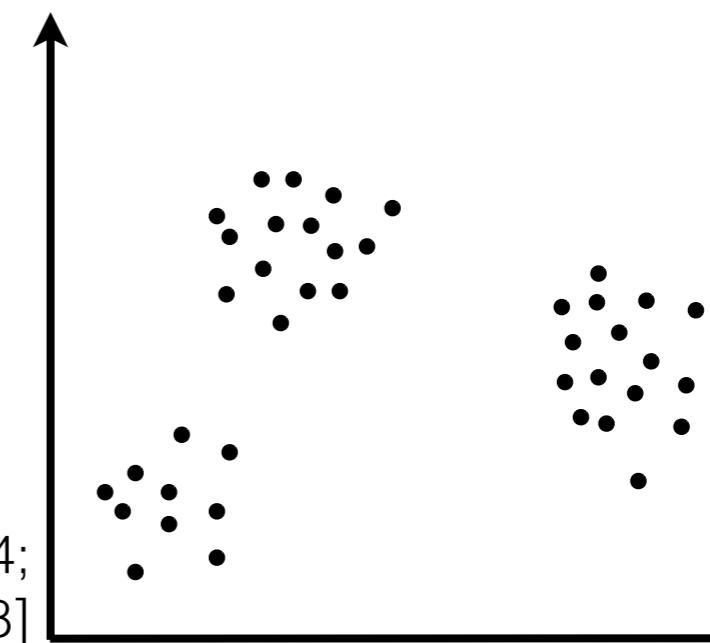
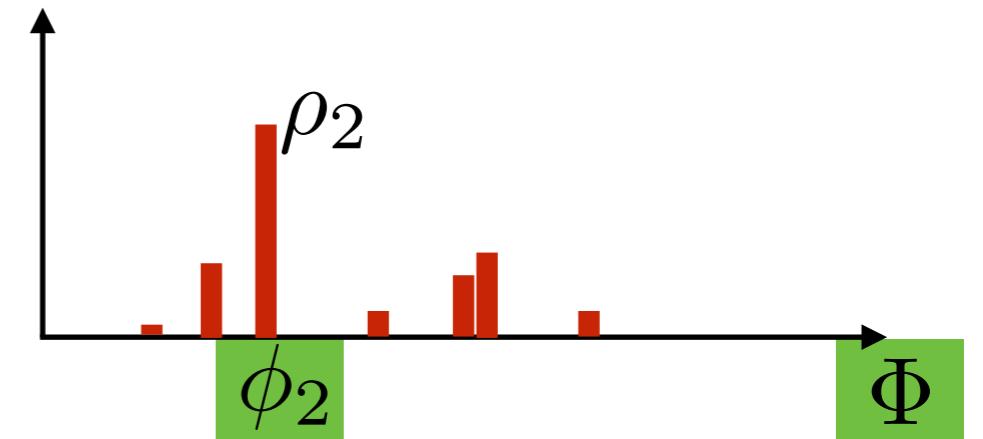
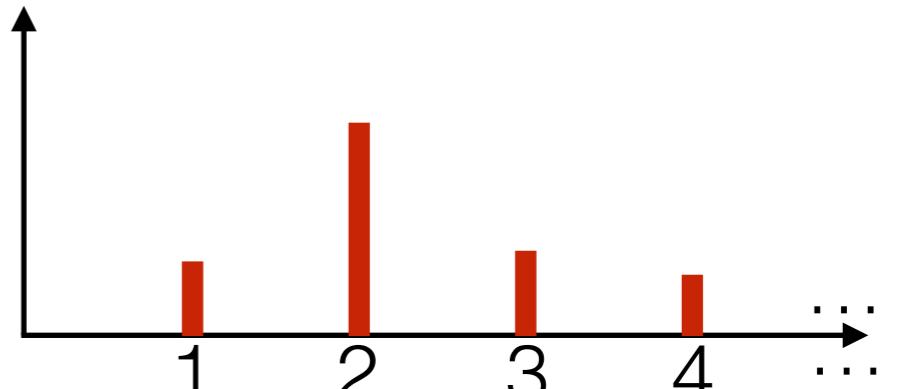
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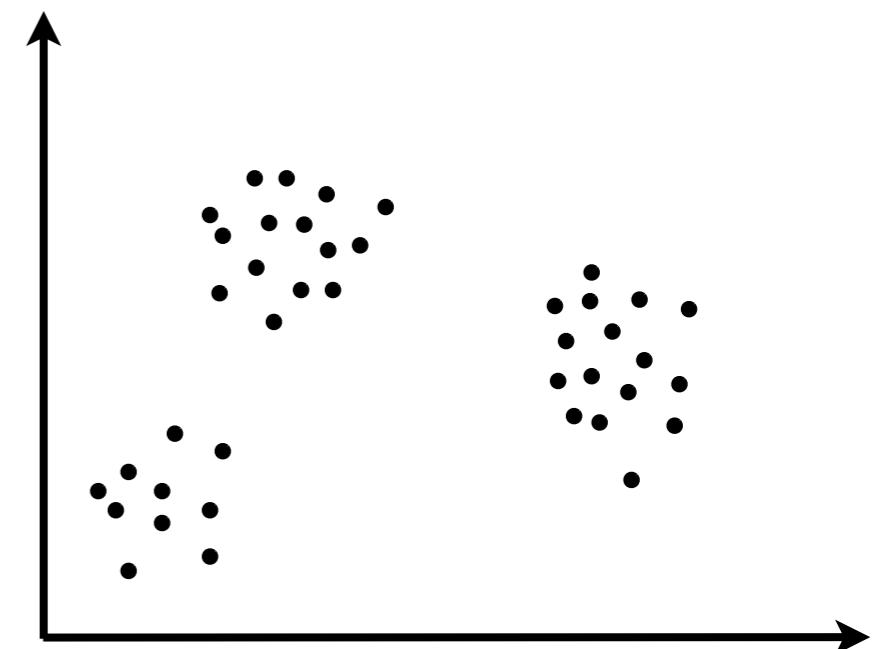
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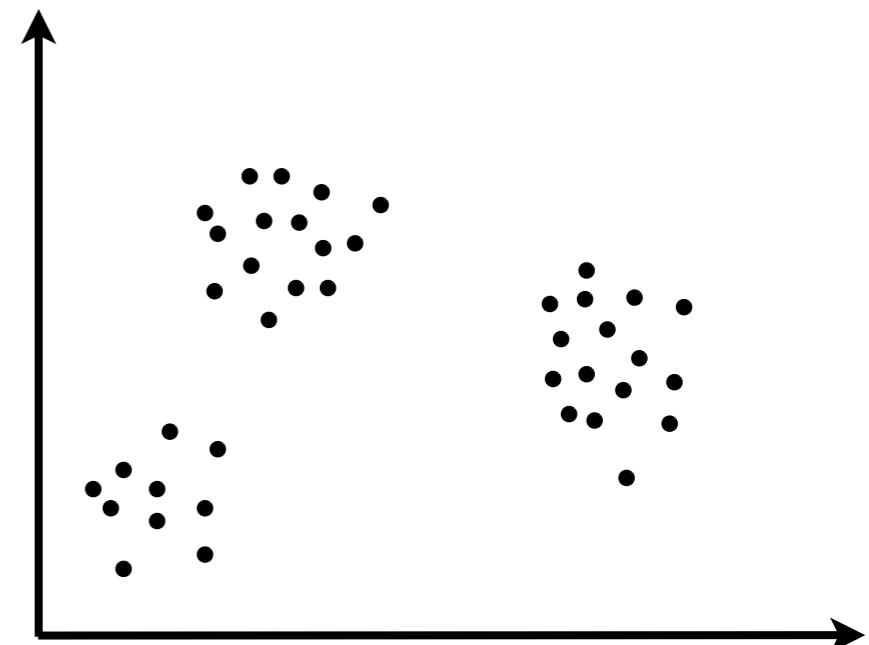


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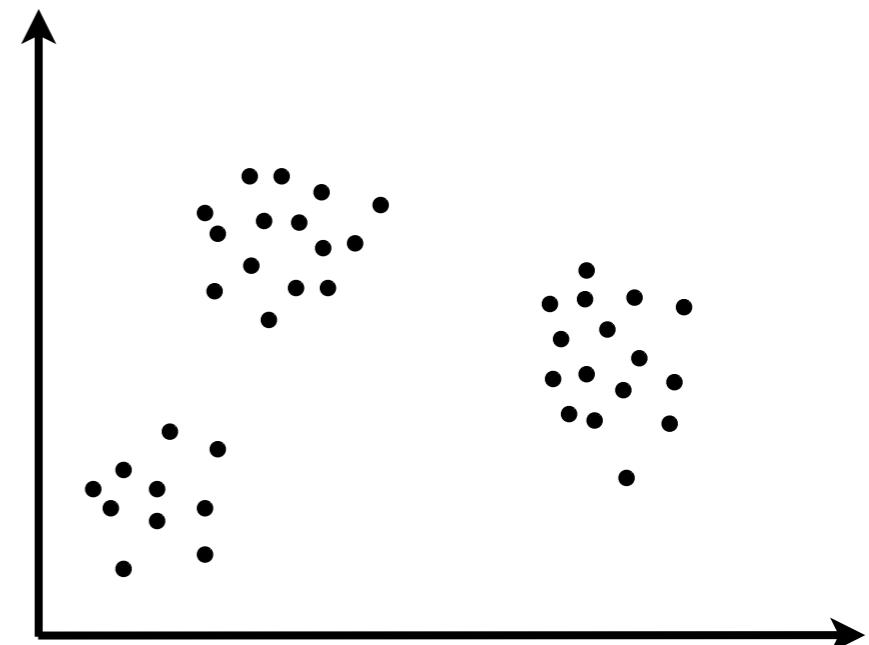
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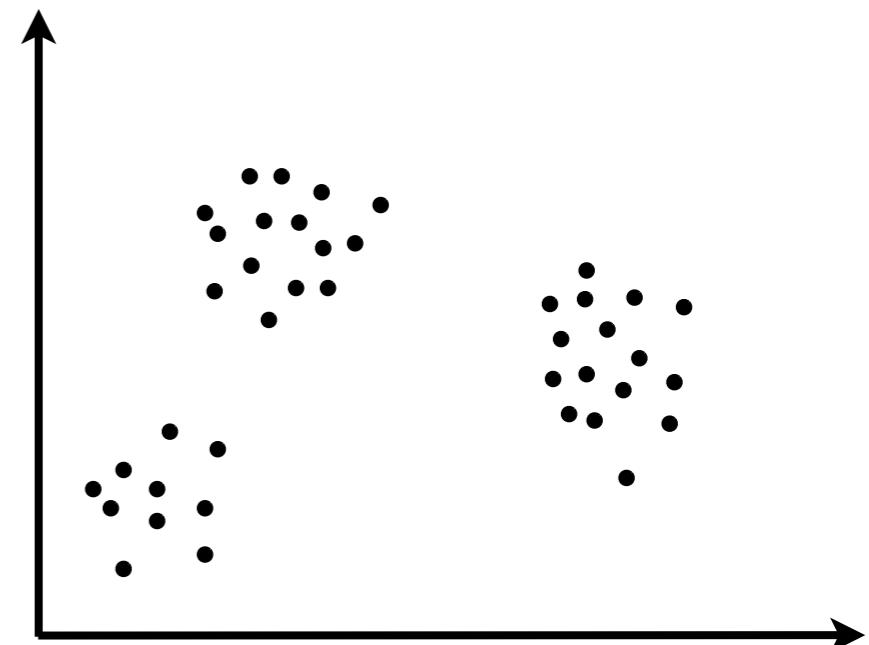
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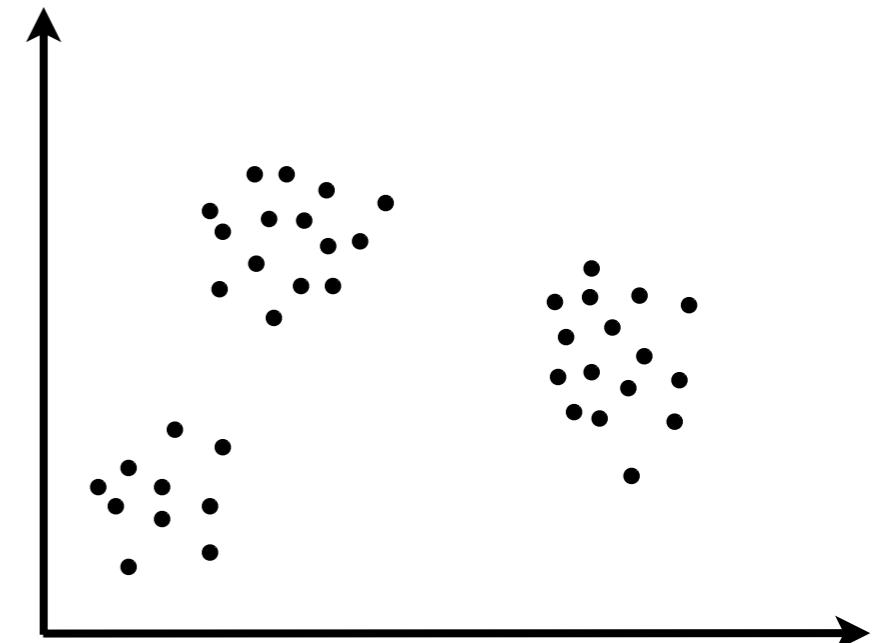
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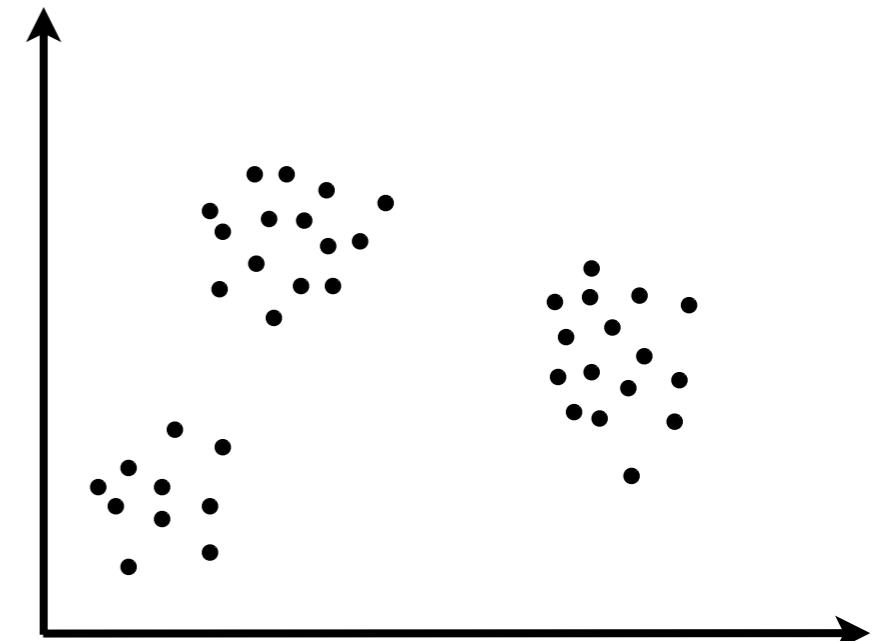


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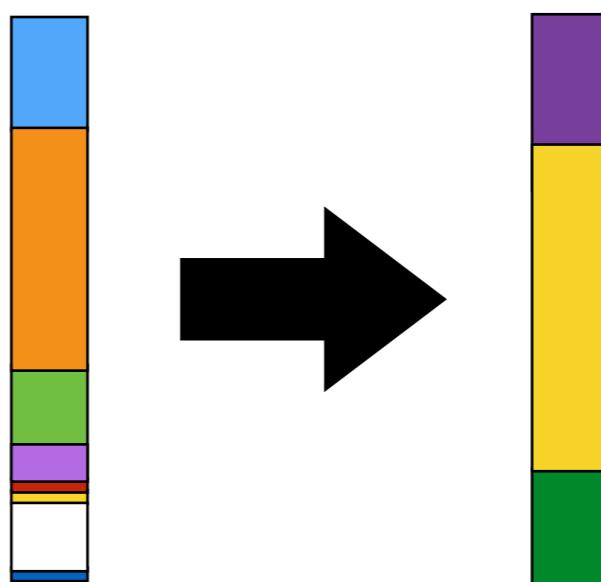
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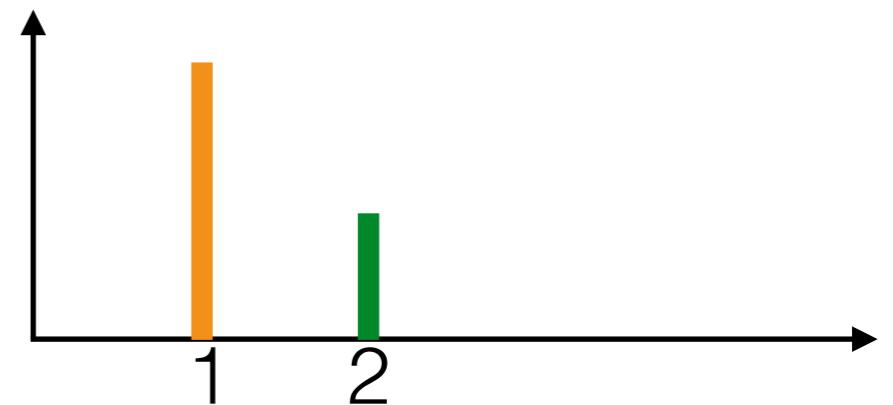
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- Example NPBayes model: Dirichlet process
- Chinese restaurant process
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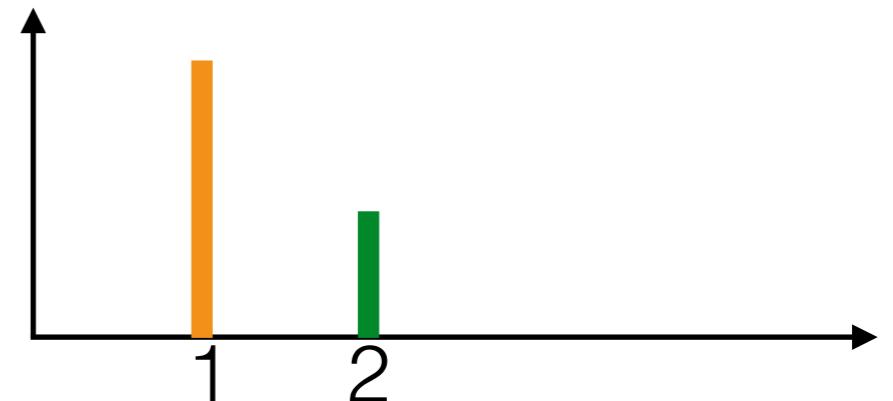
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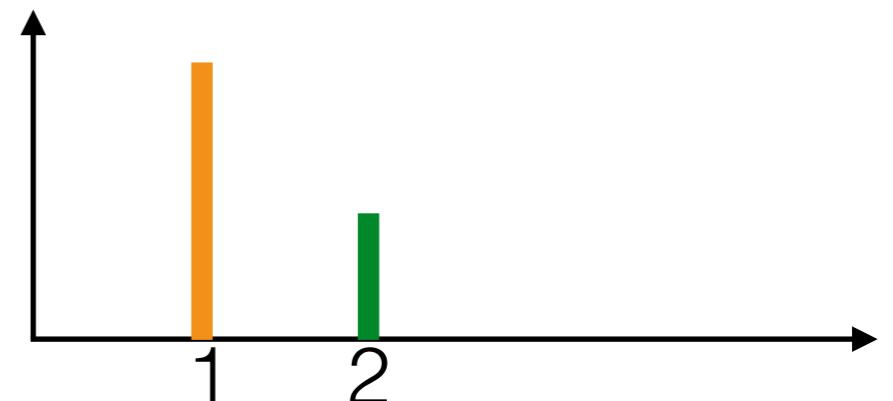


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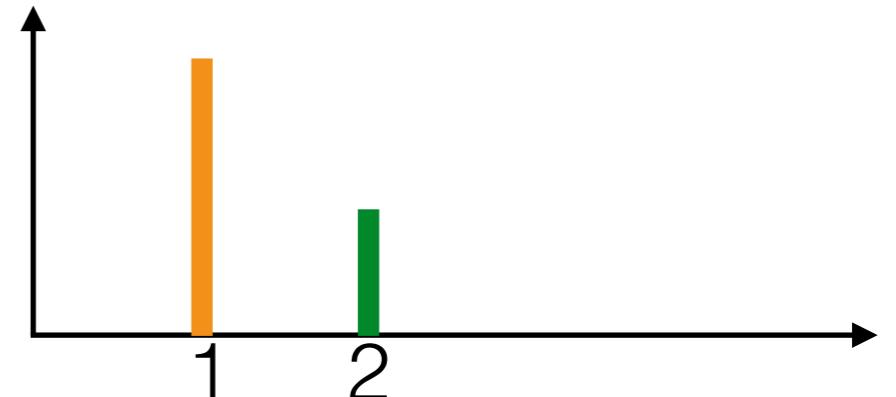


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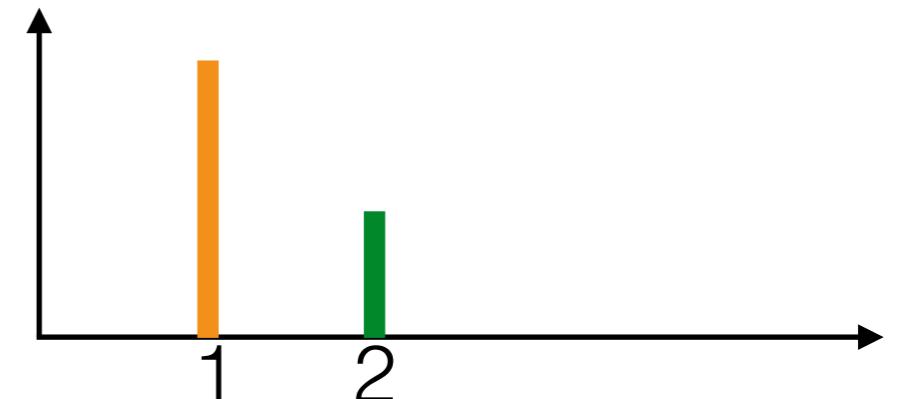


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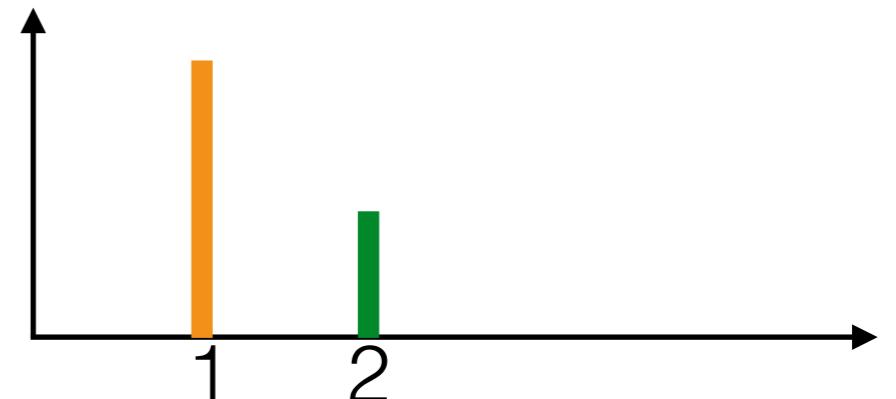


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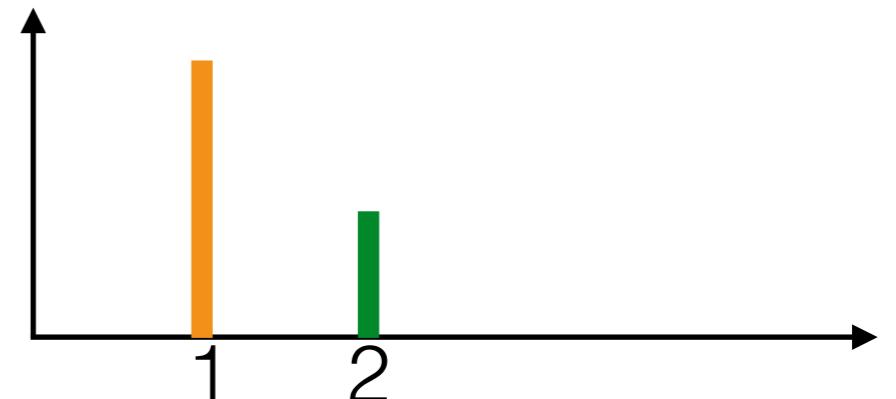


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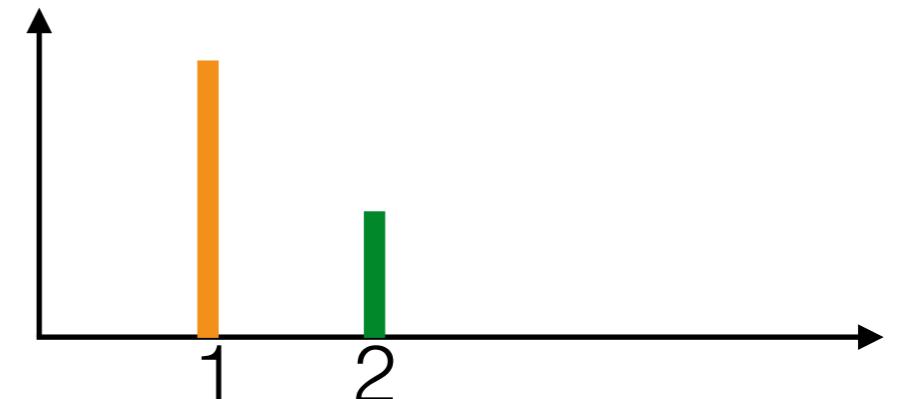


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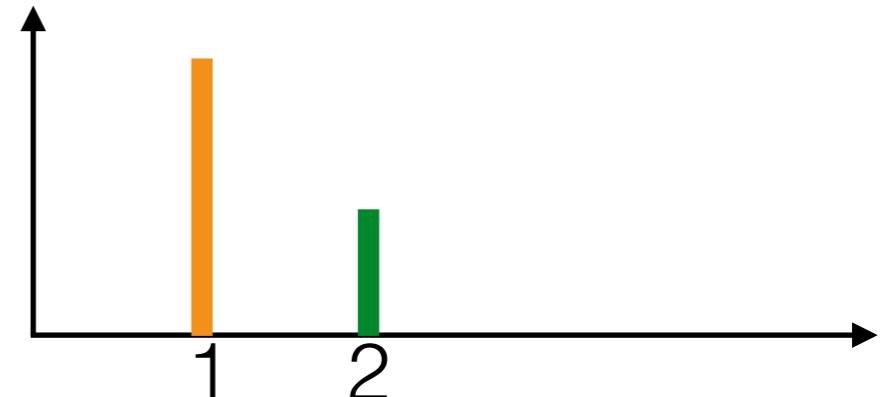


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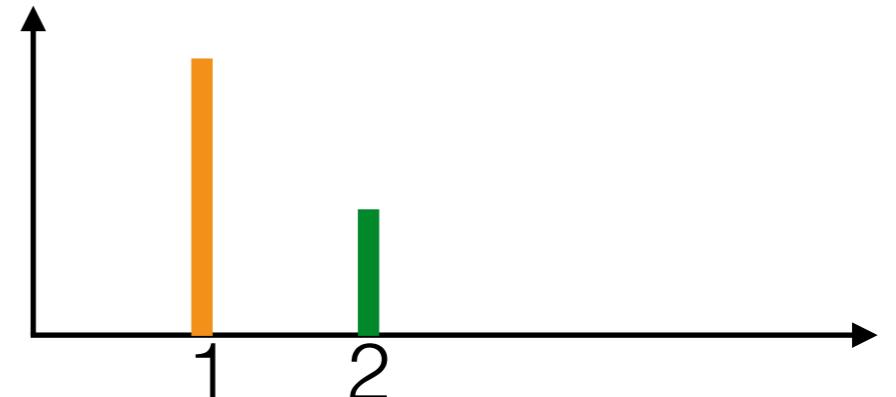


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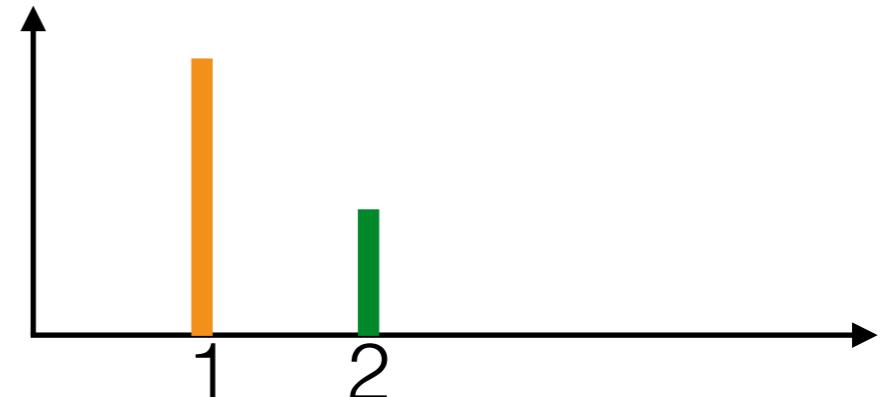
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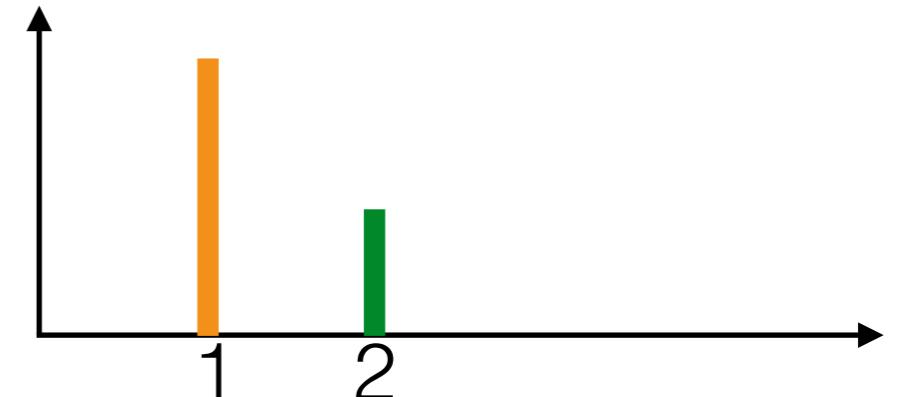
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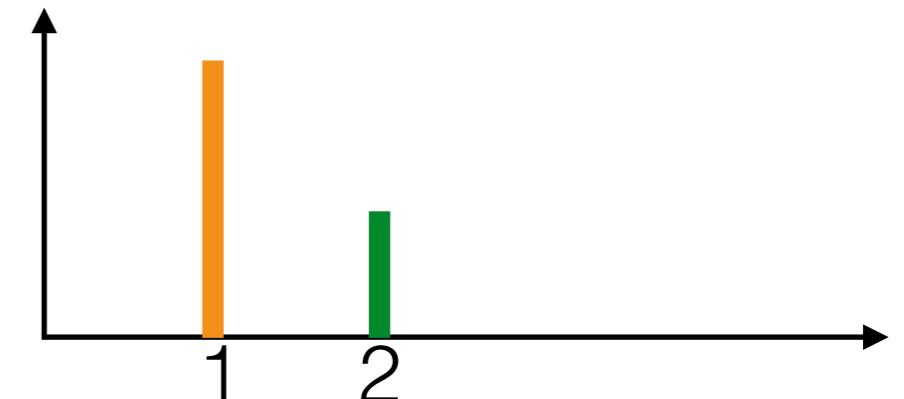
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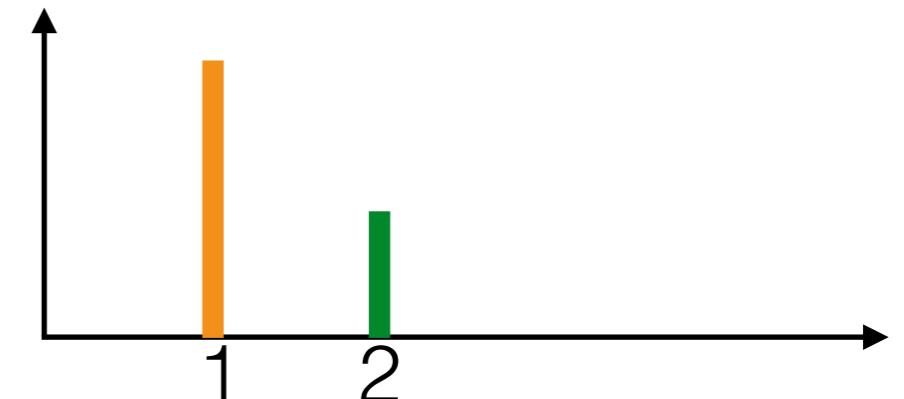
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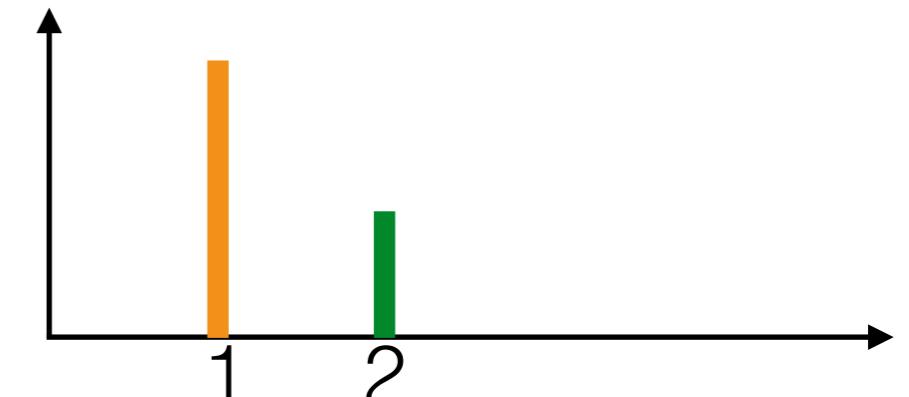
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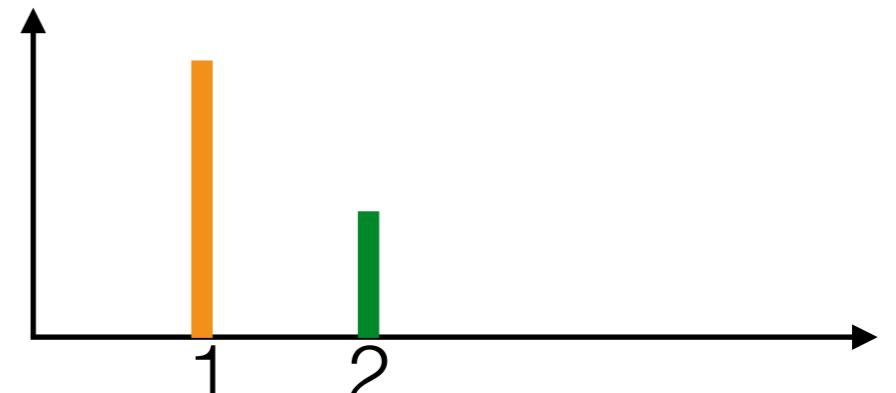
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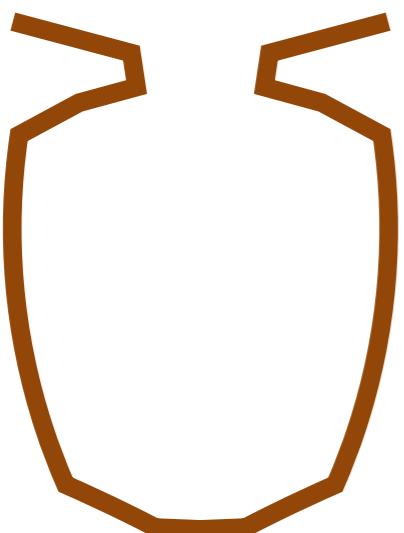
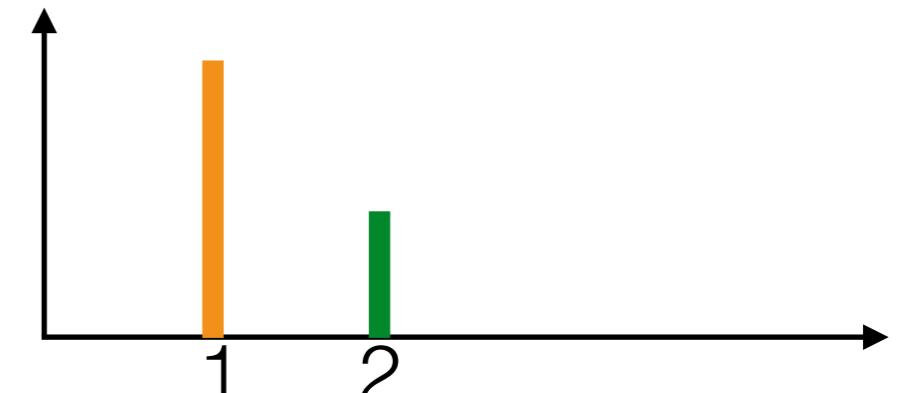
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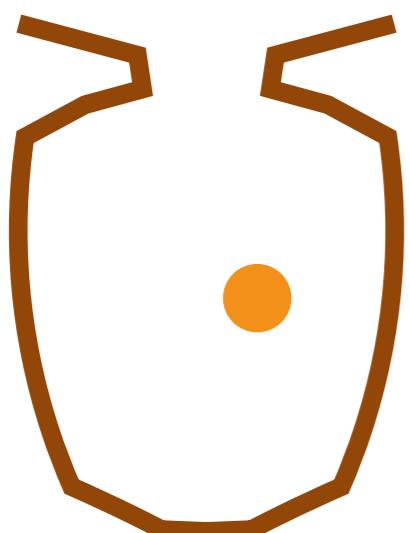
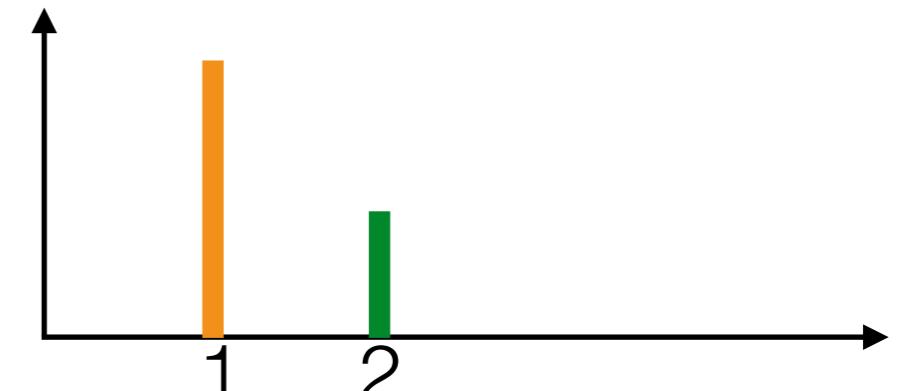
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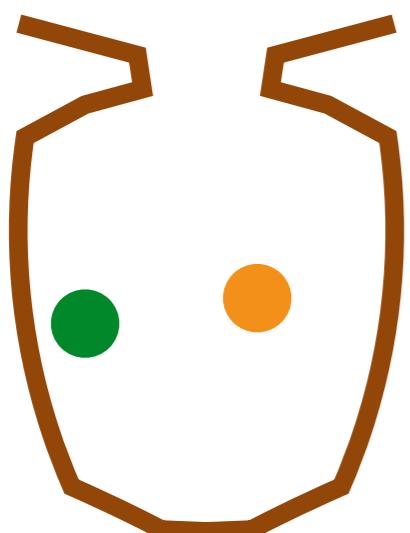
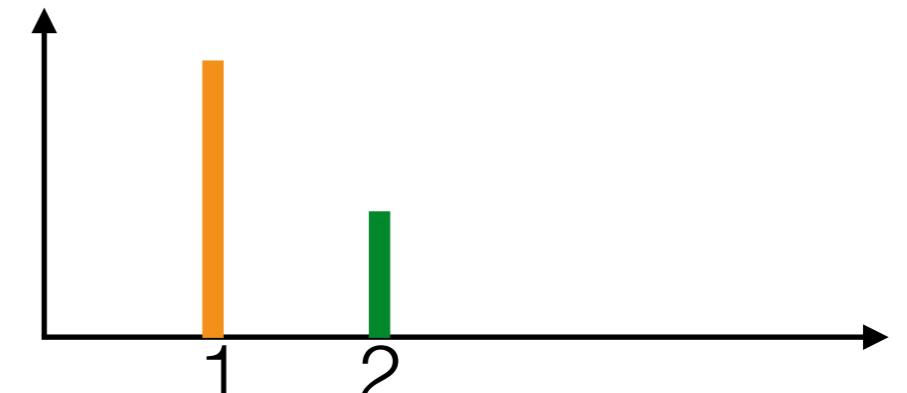
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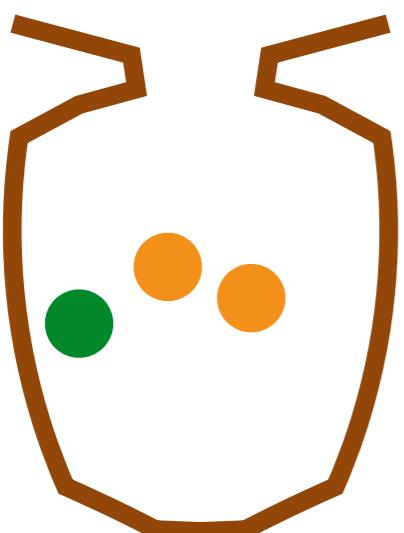
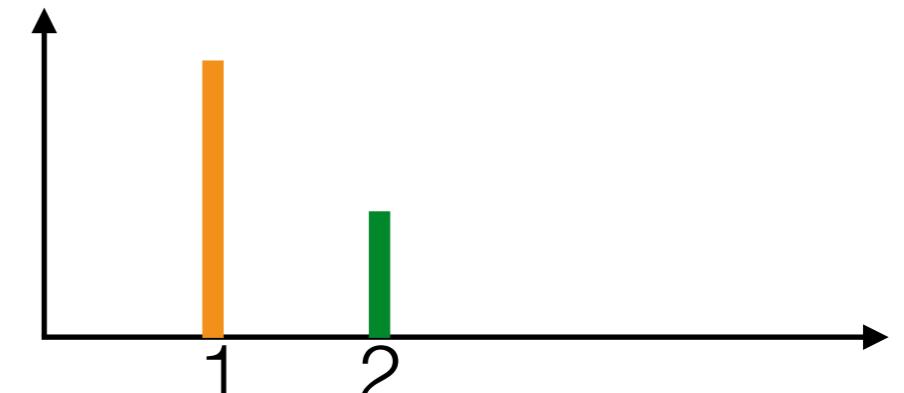
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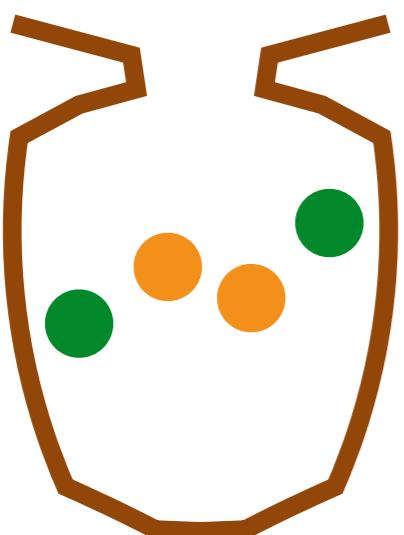
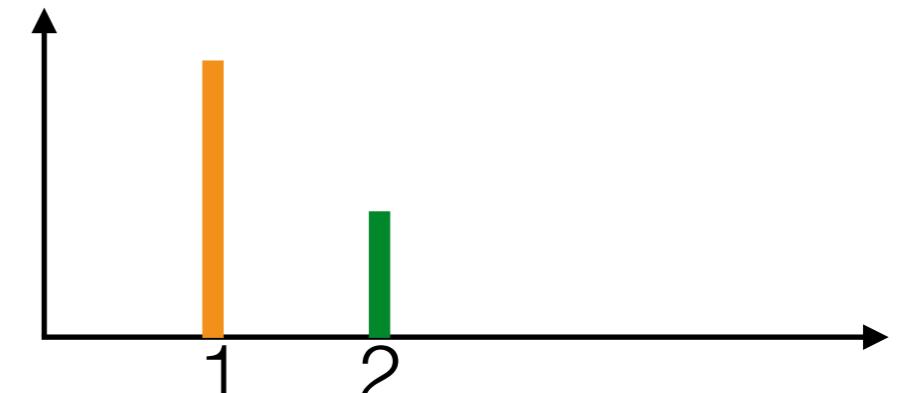
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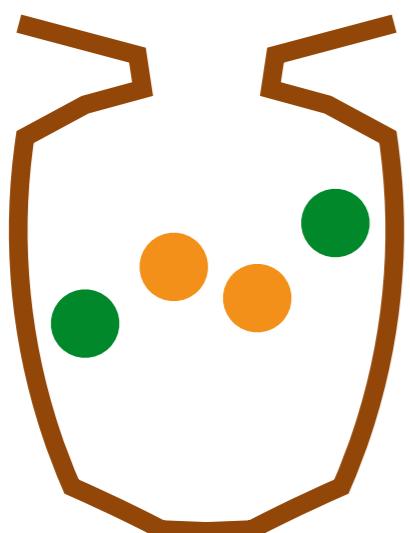
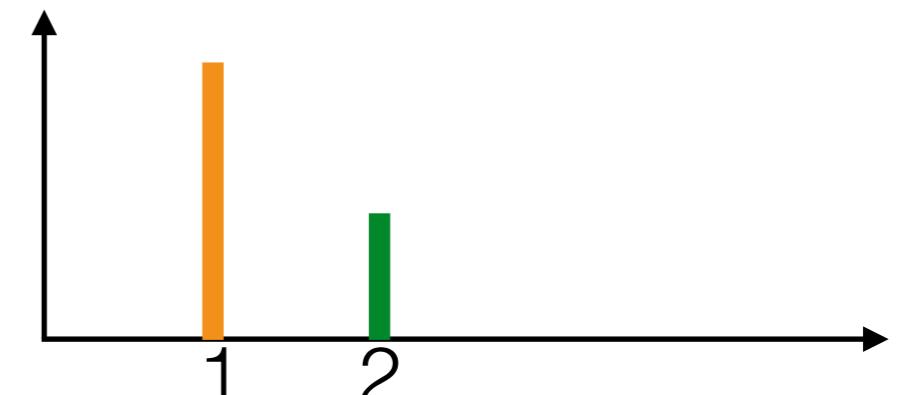
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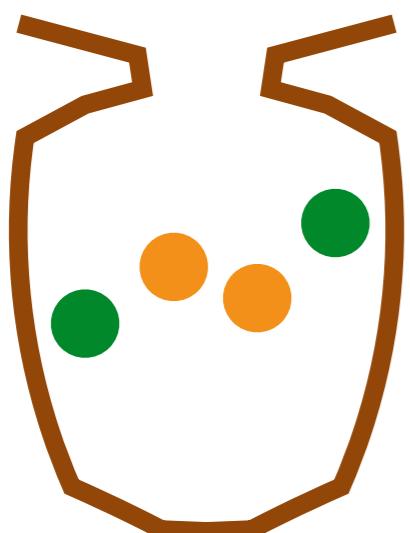
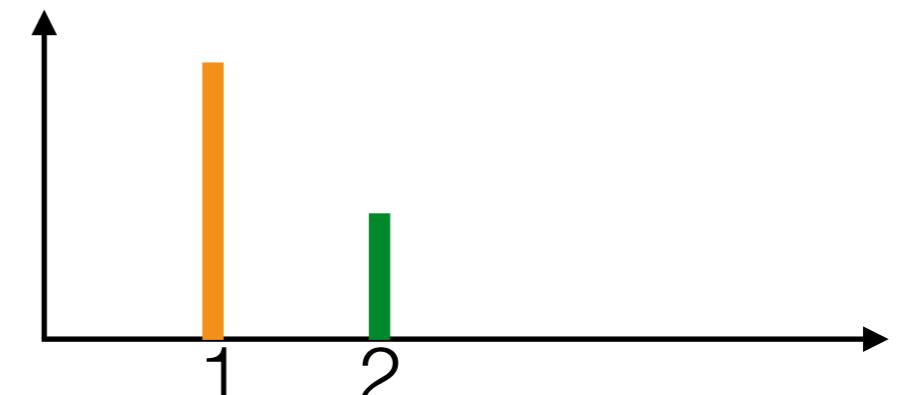
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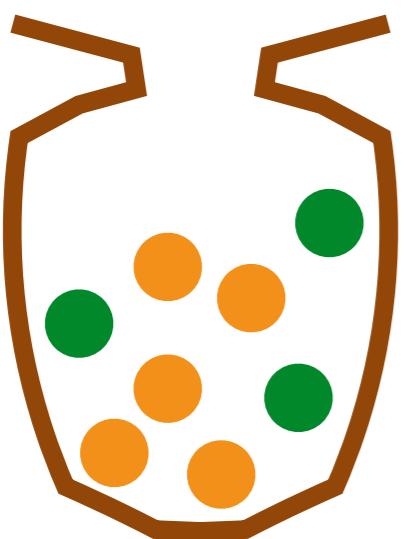
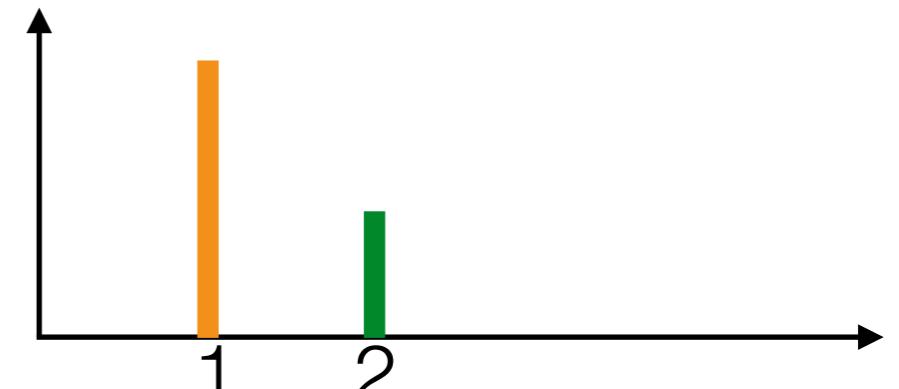
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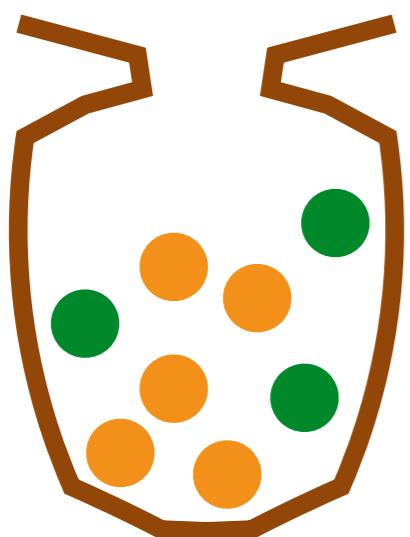
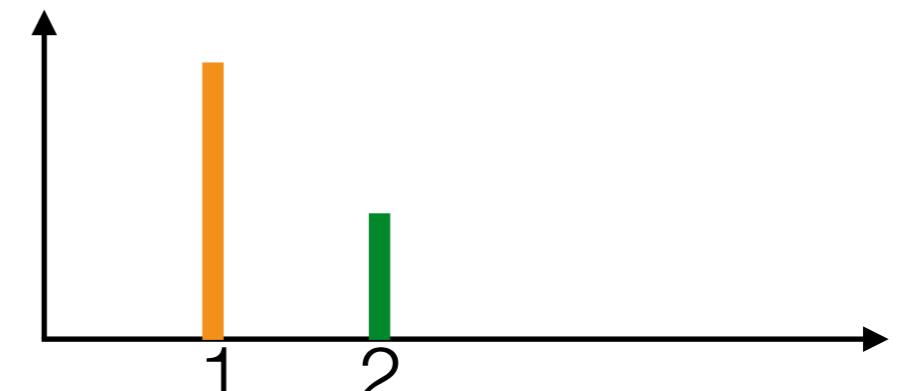
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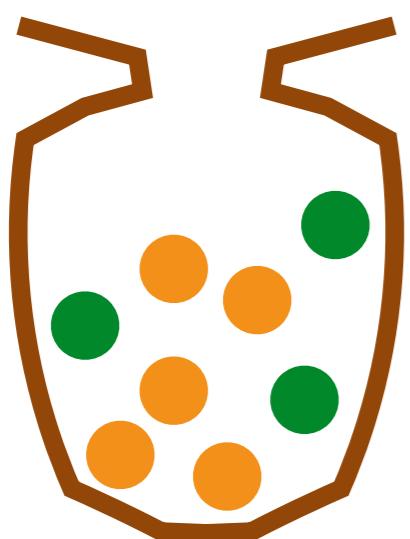
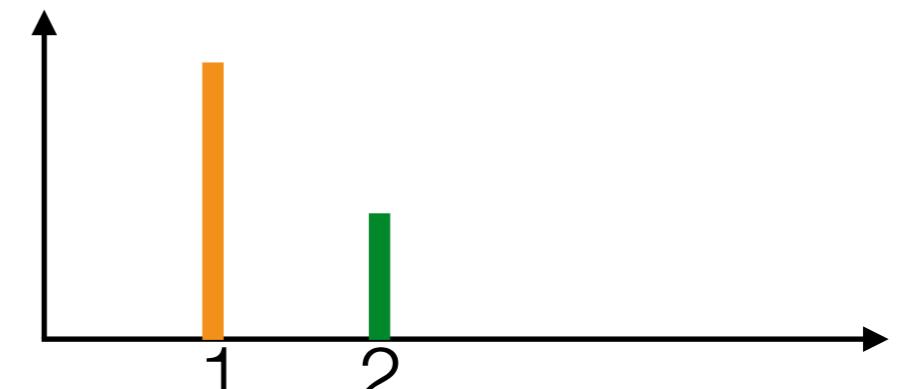
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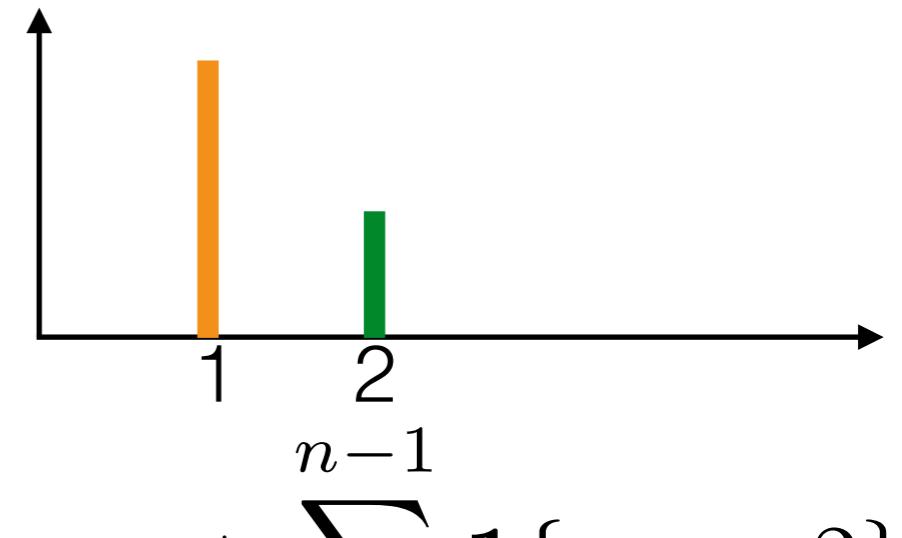
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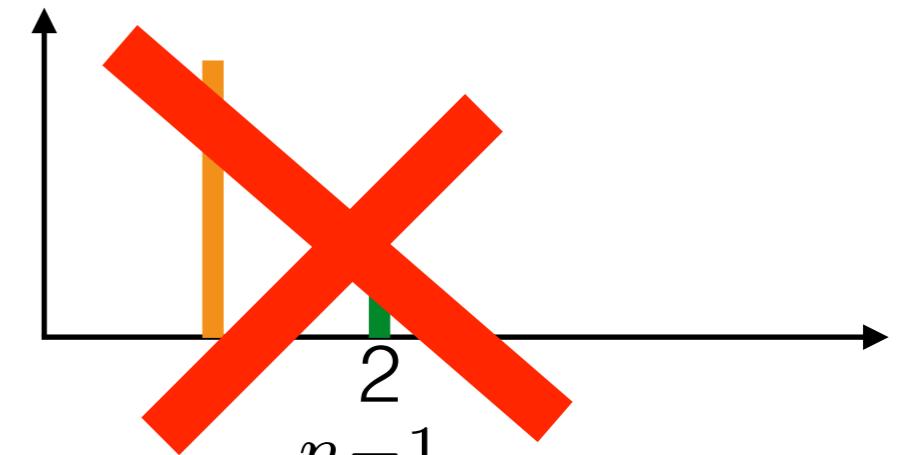
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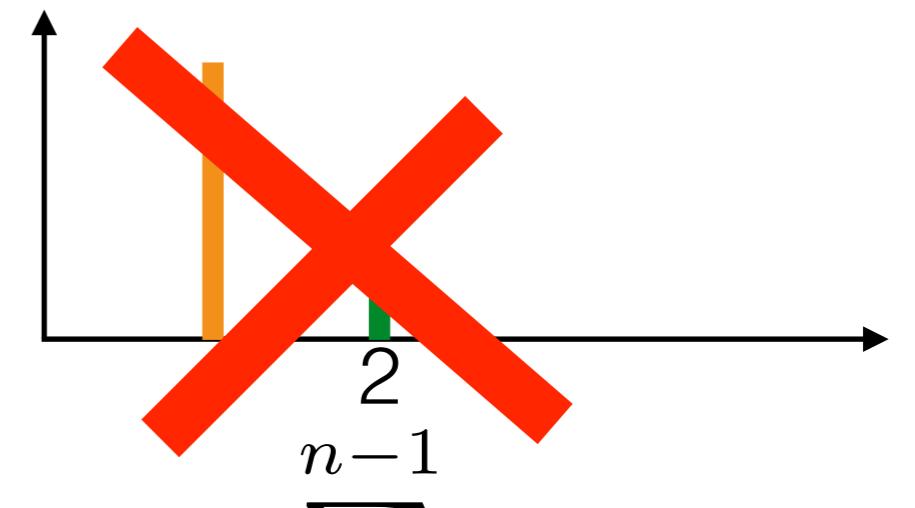
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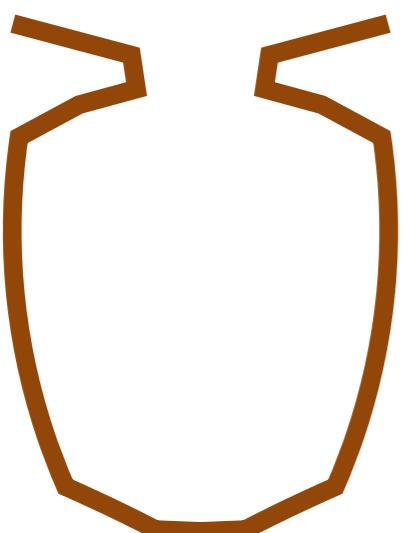
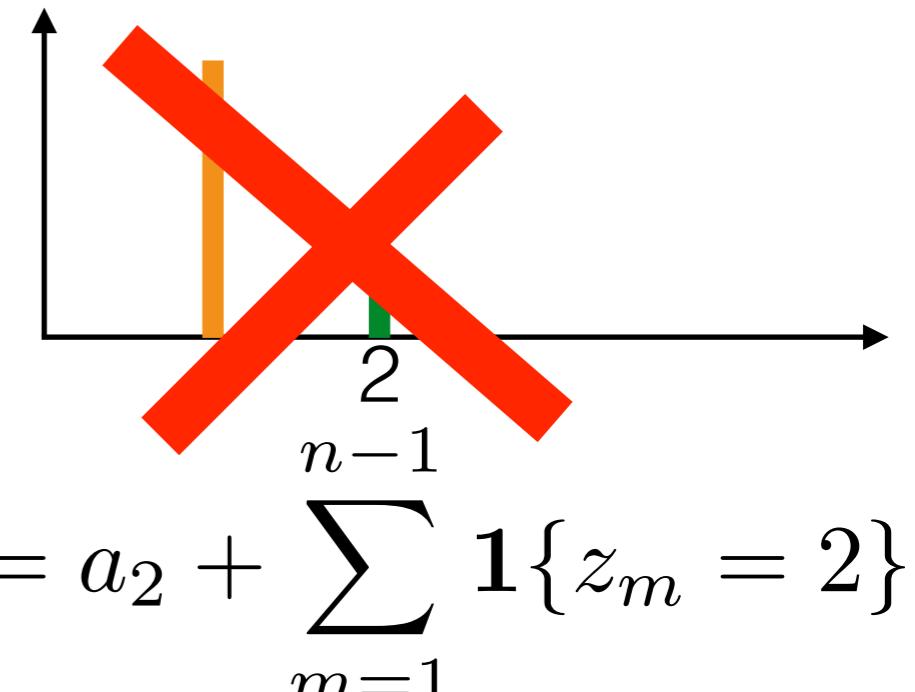
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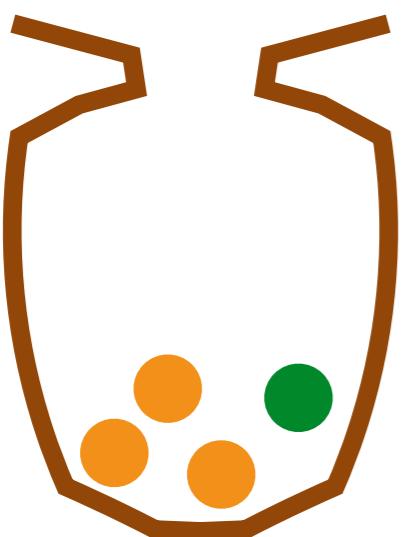
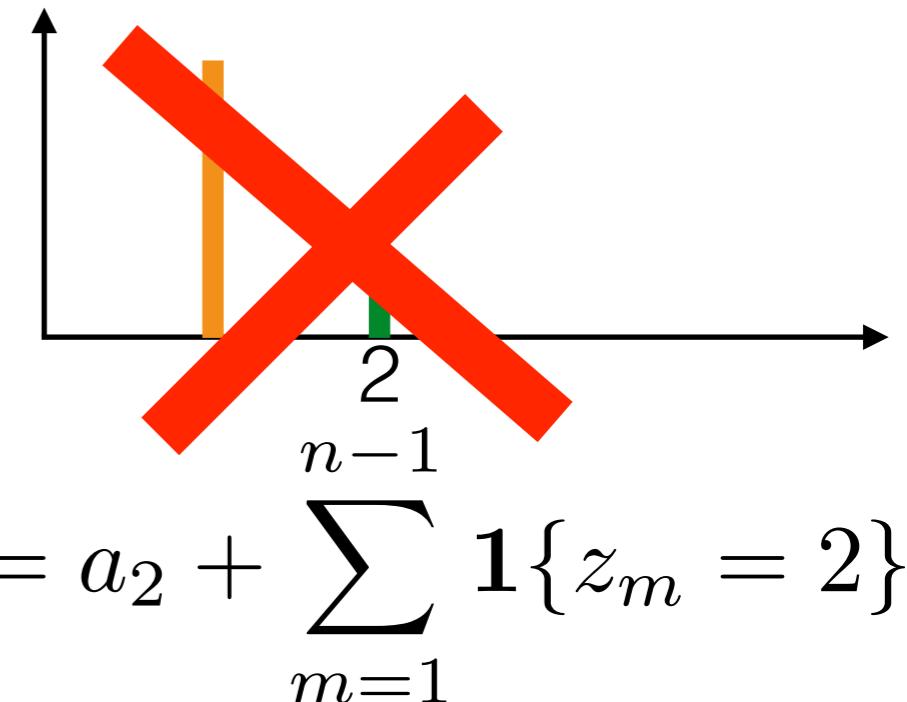
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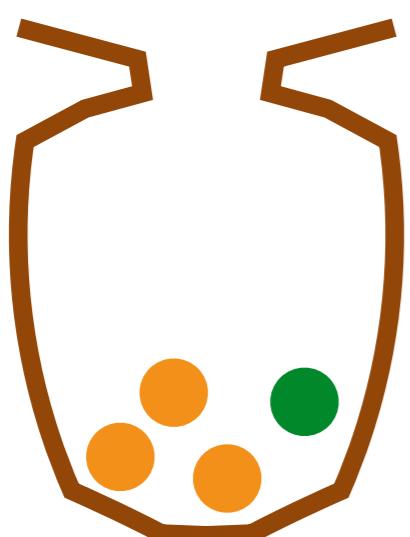
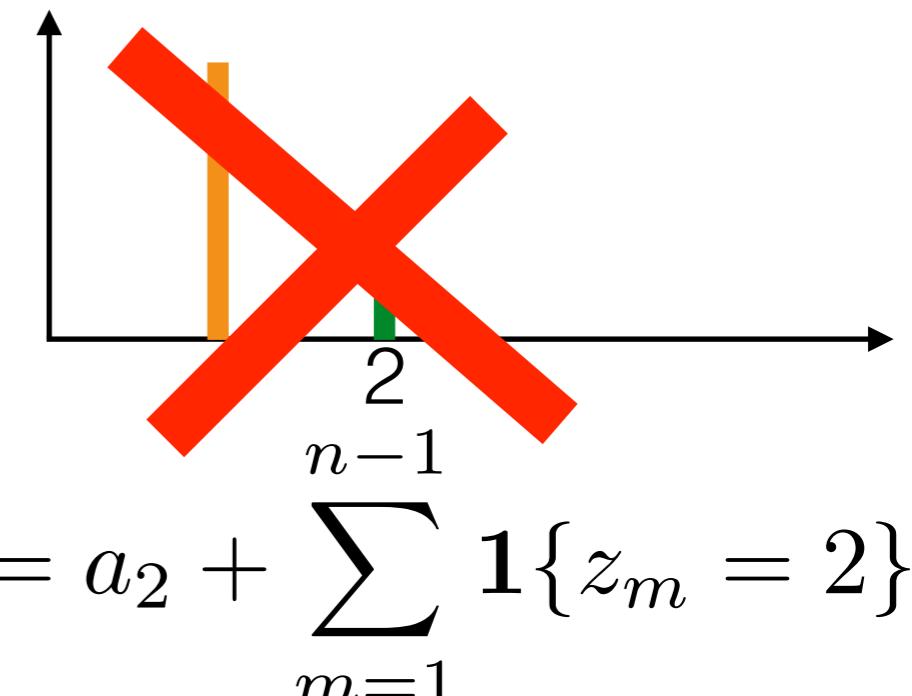
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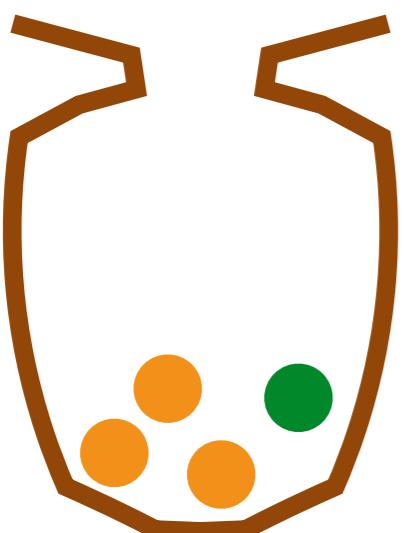
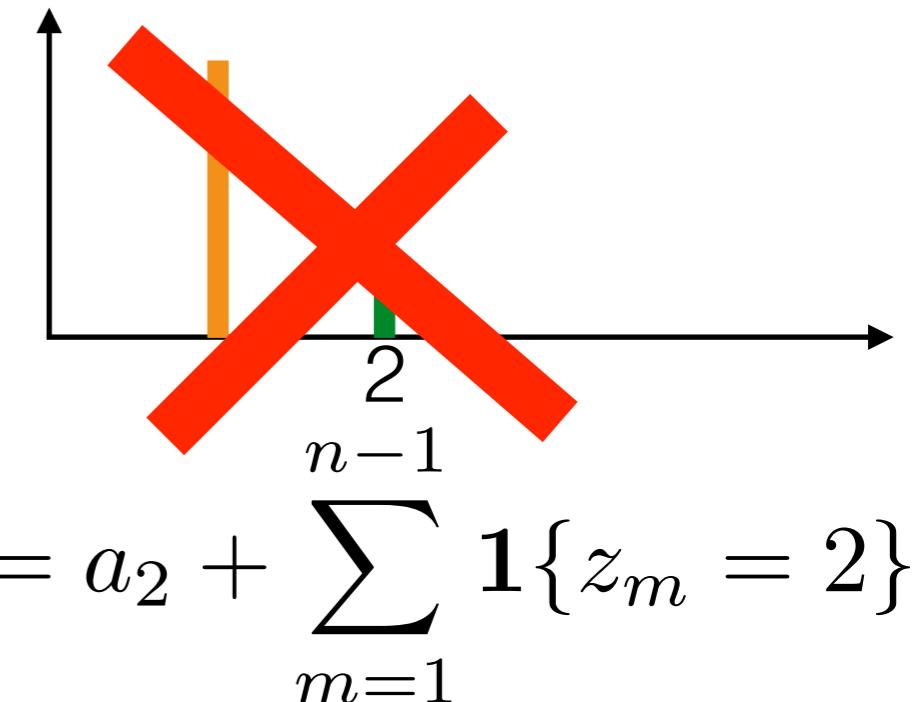
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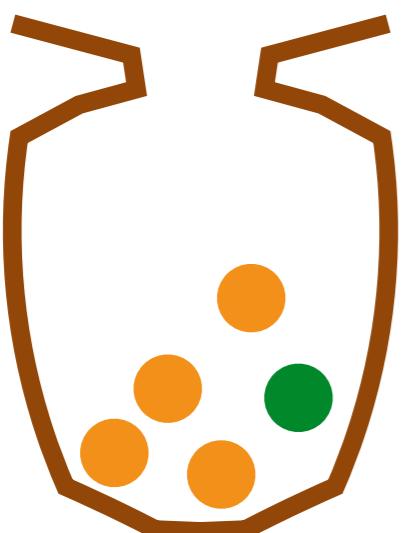
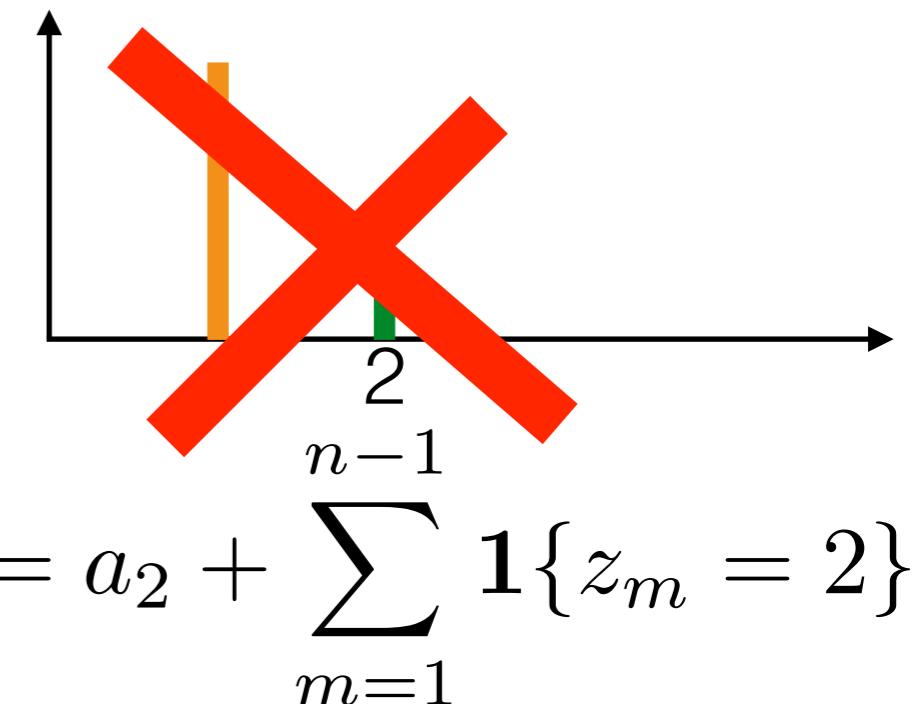
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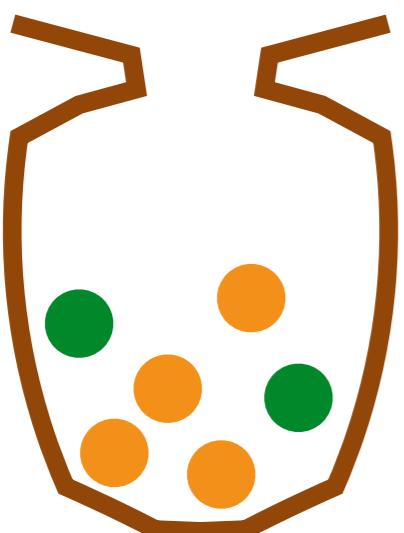
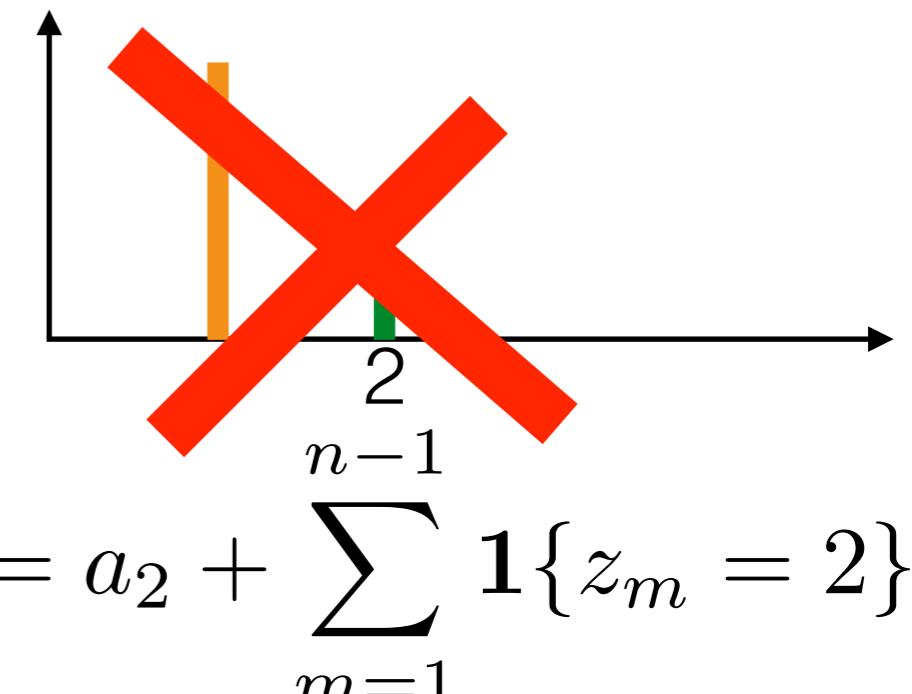
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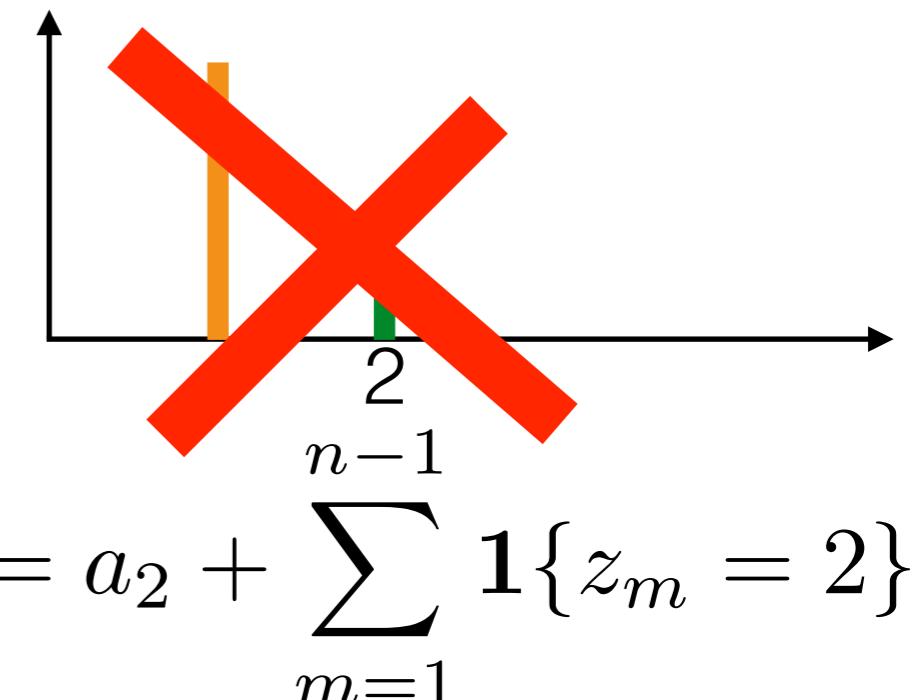
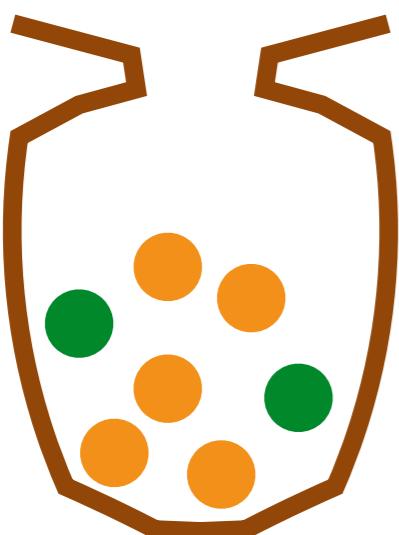
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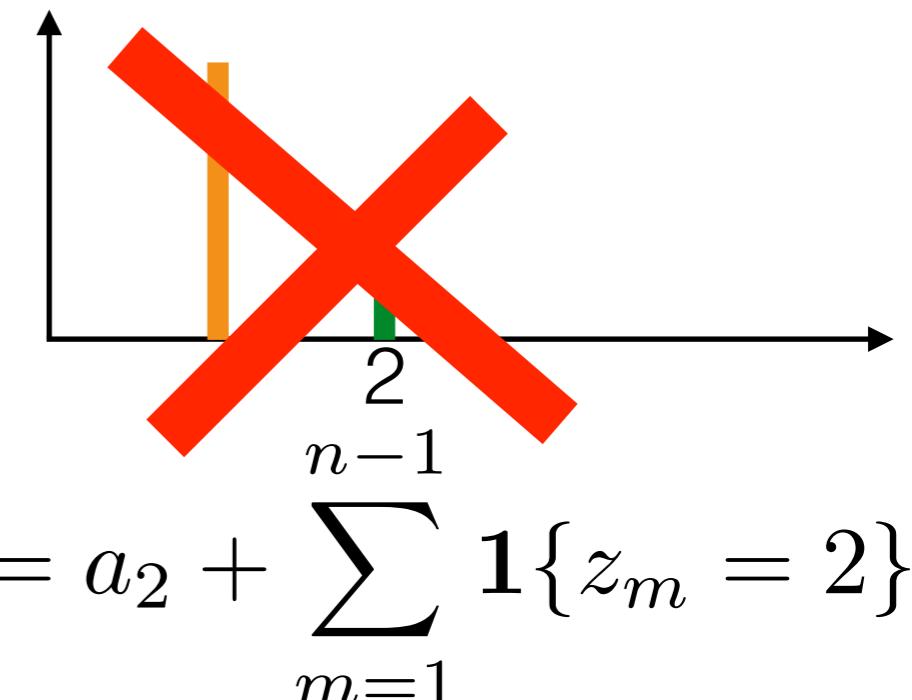
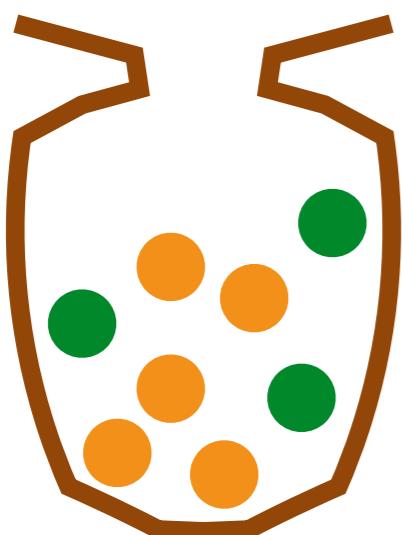
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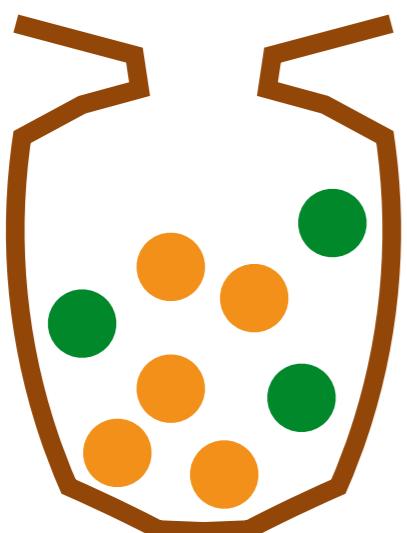
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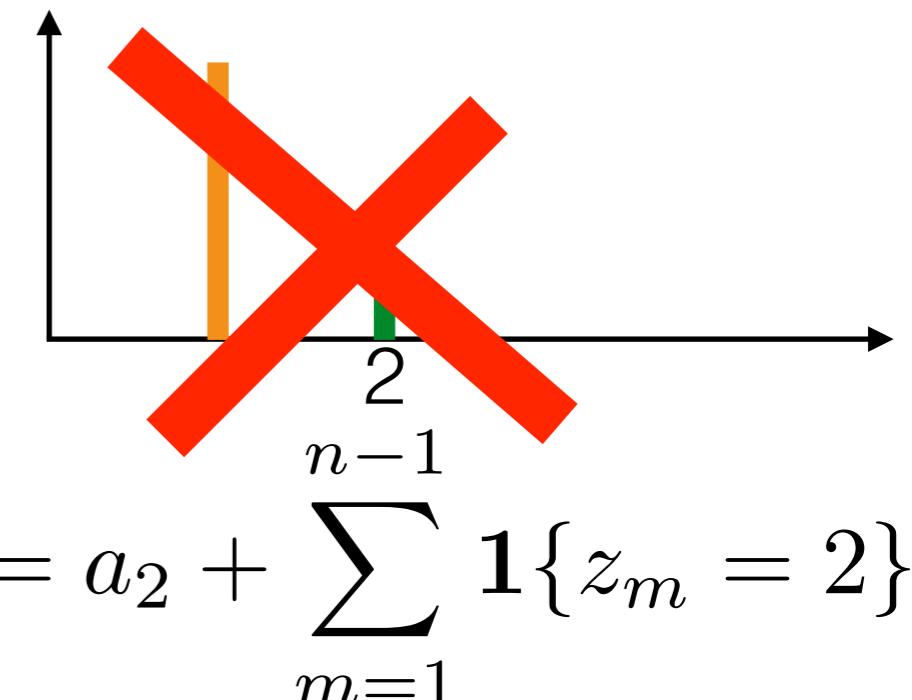
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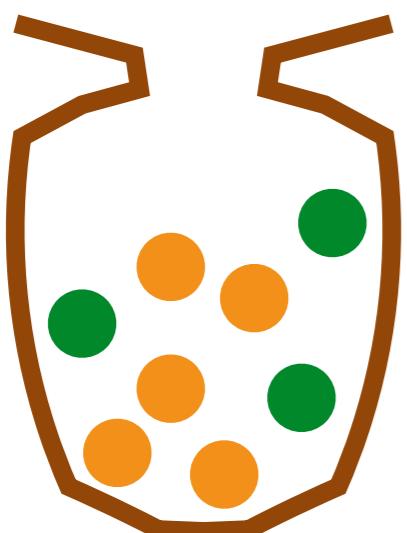
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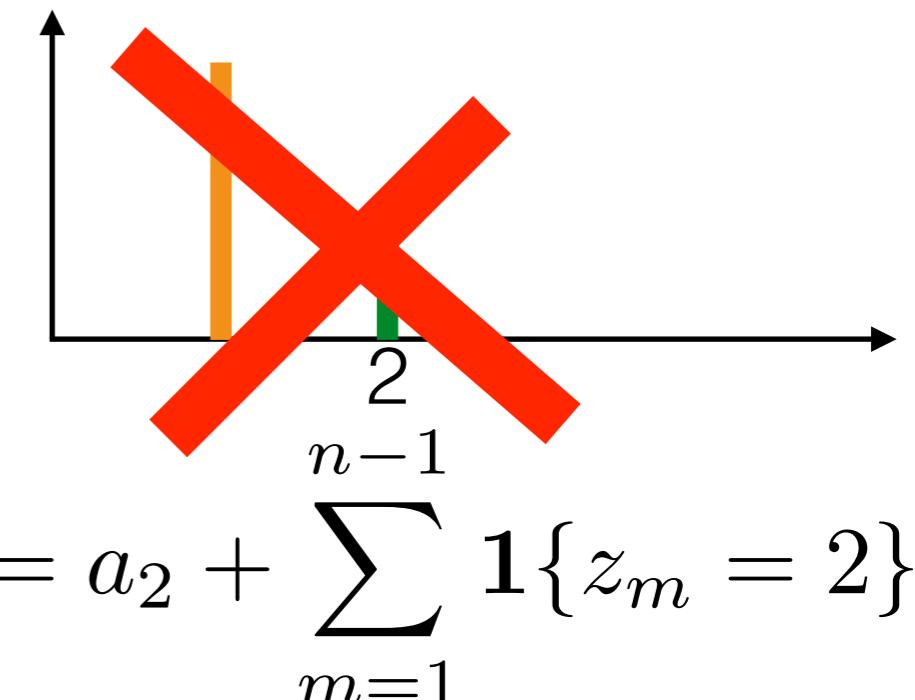
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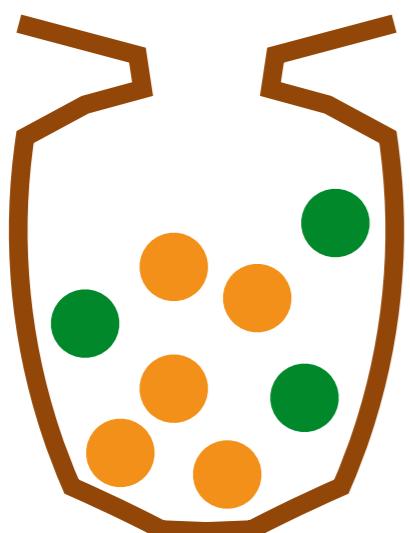
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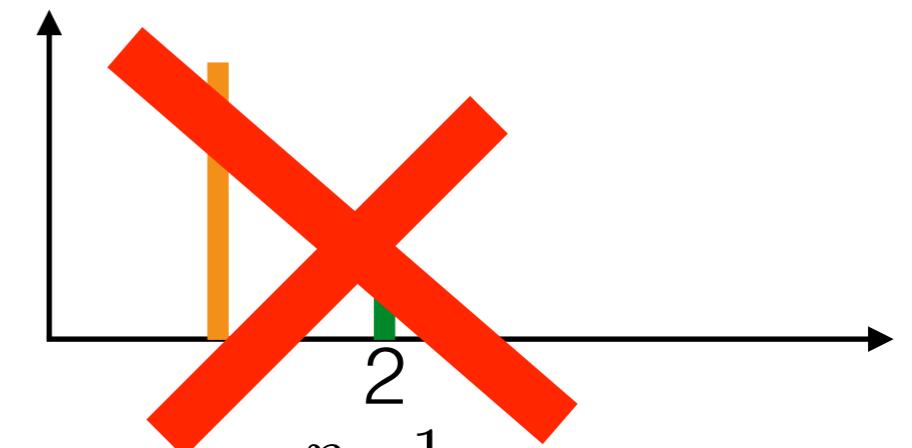
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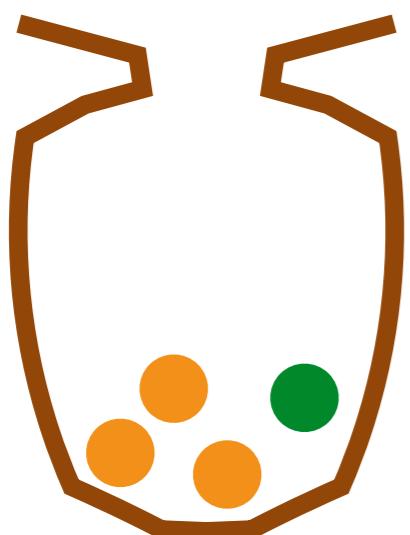
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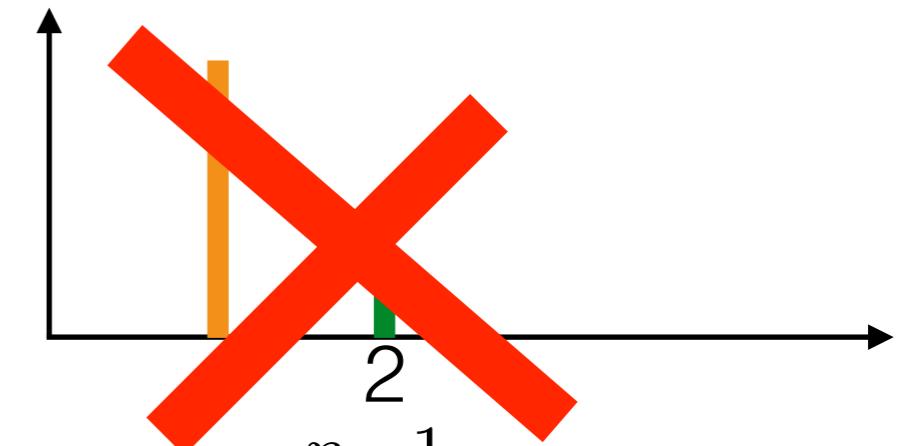
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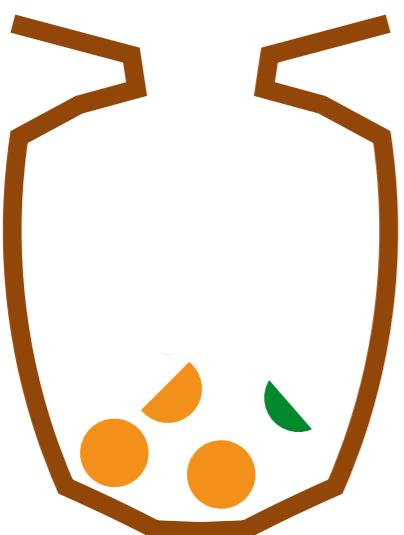
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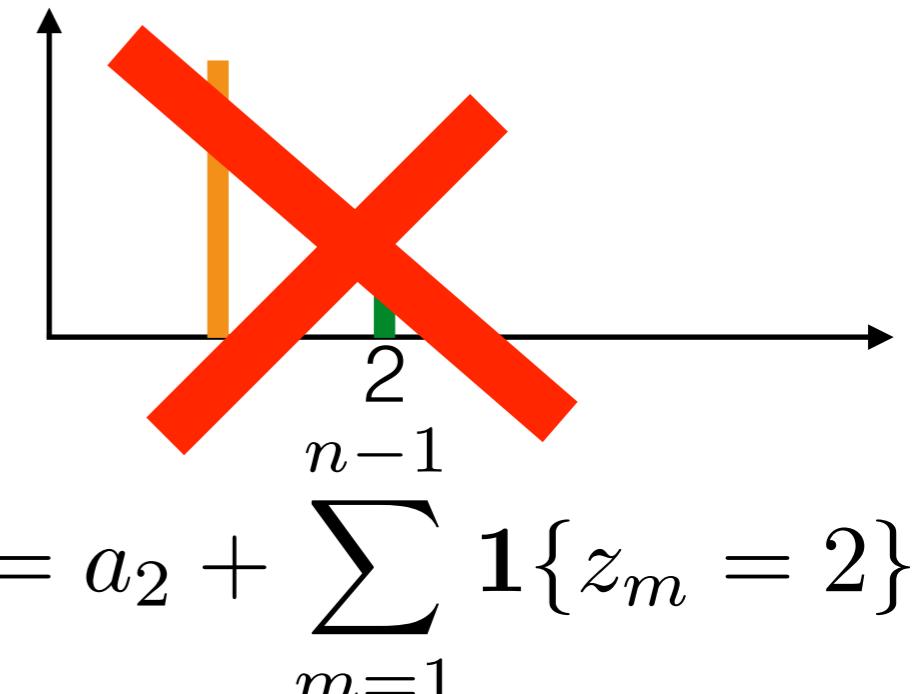
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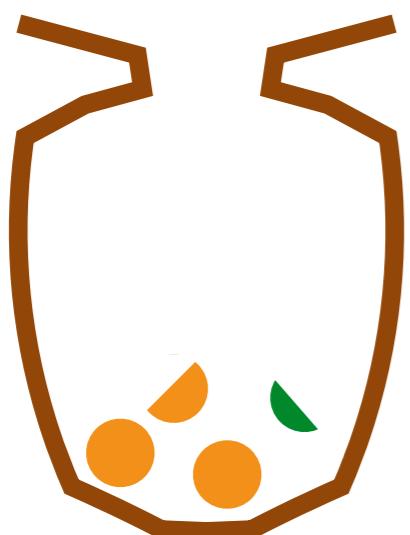
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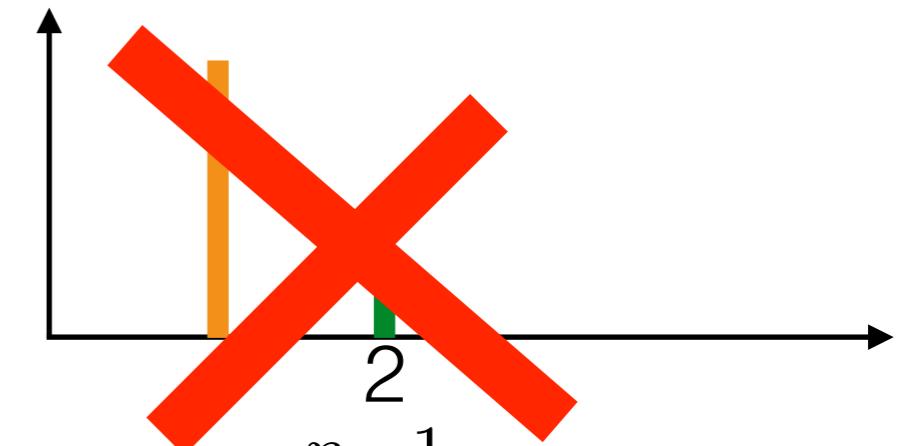
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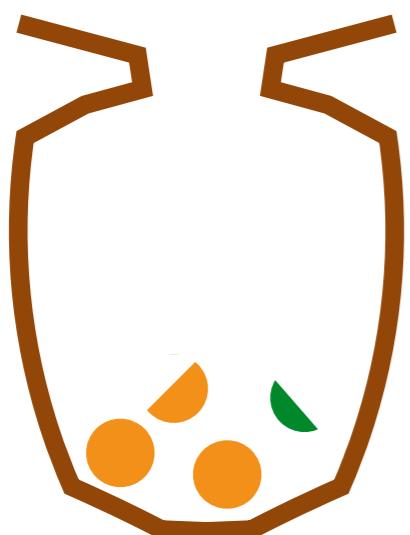
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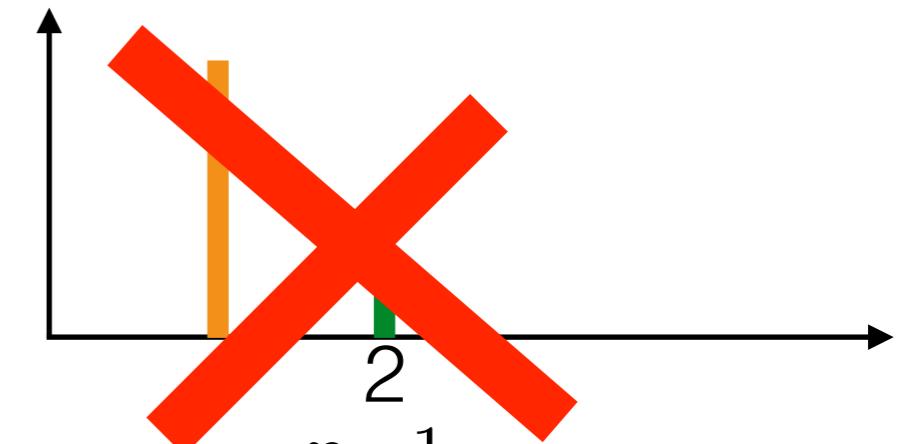
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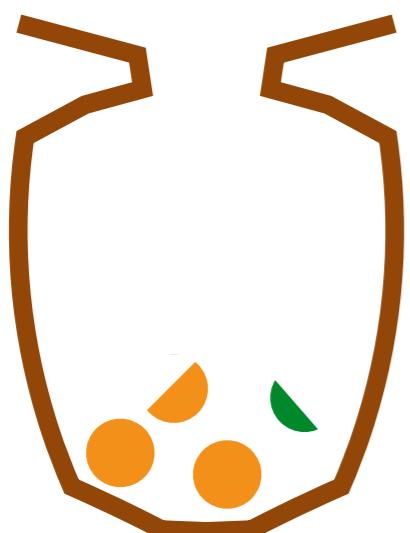
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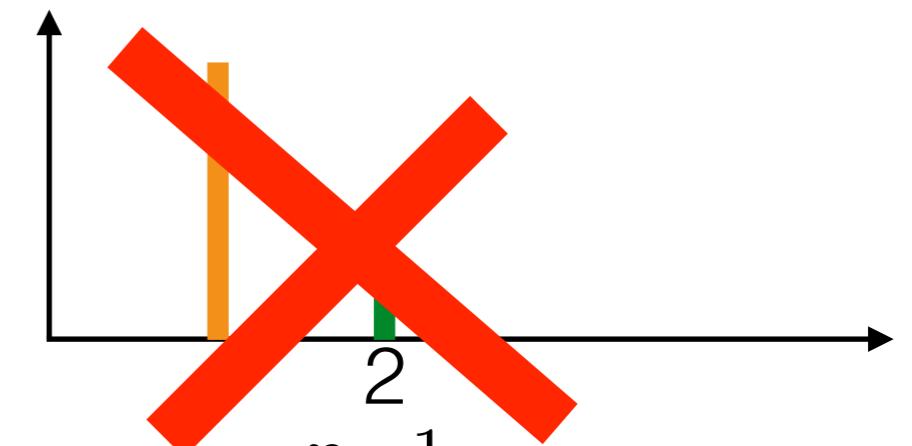
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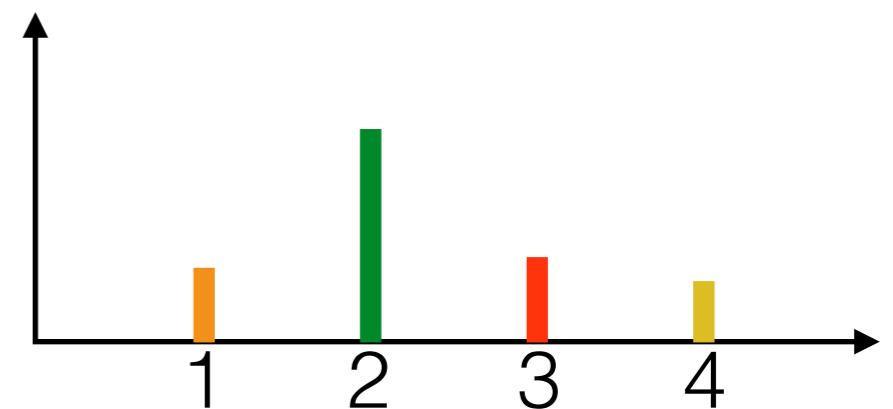
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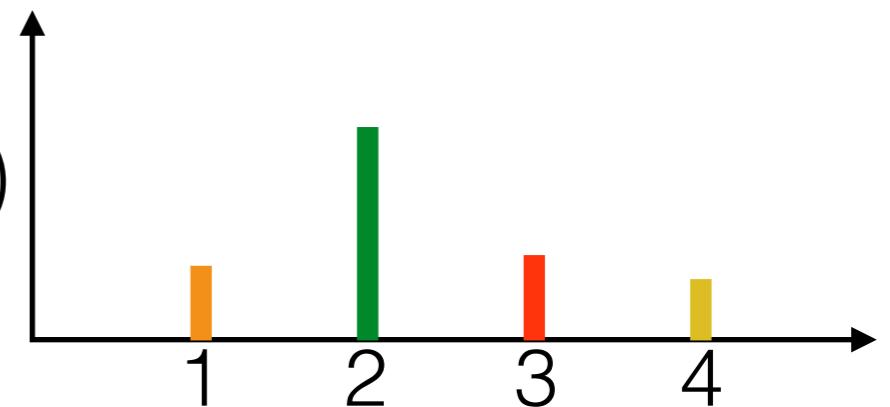
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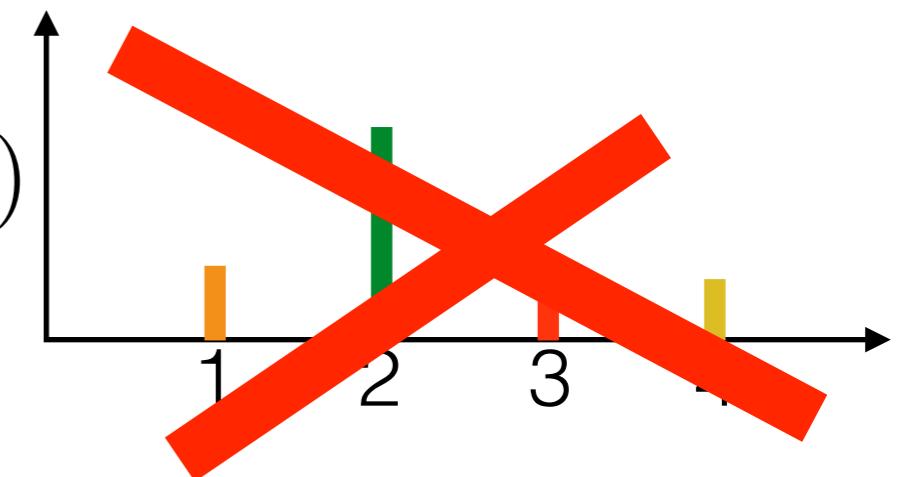


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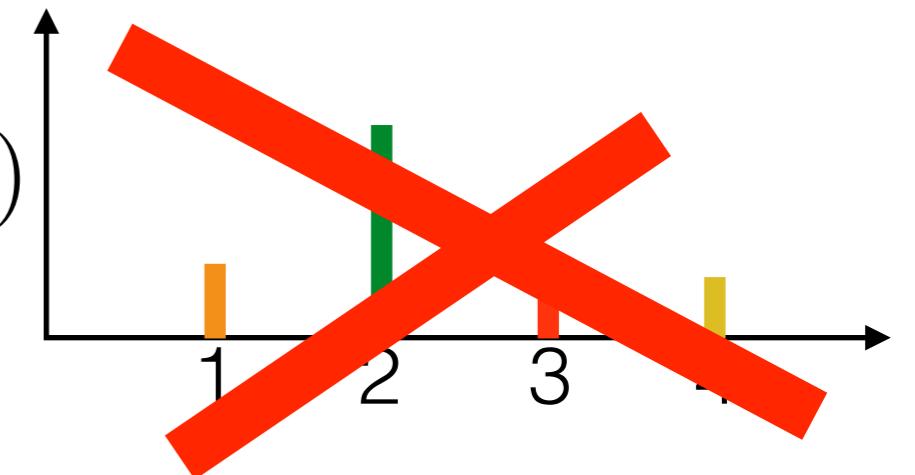
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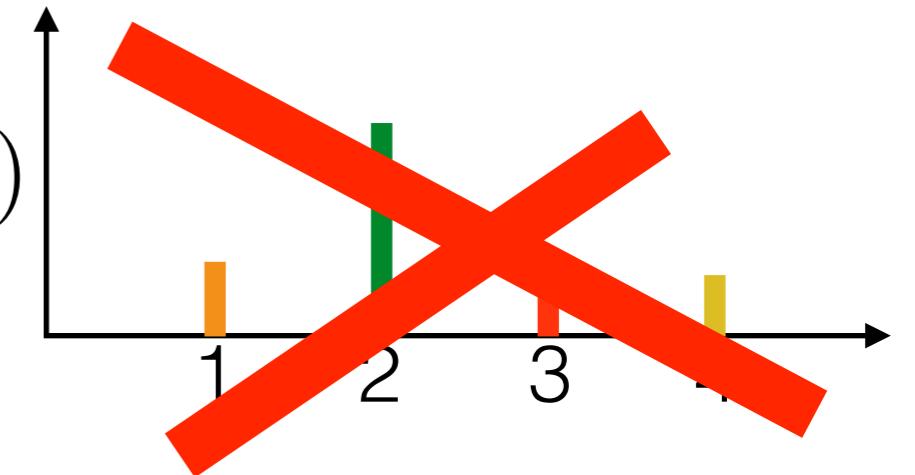
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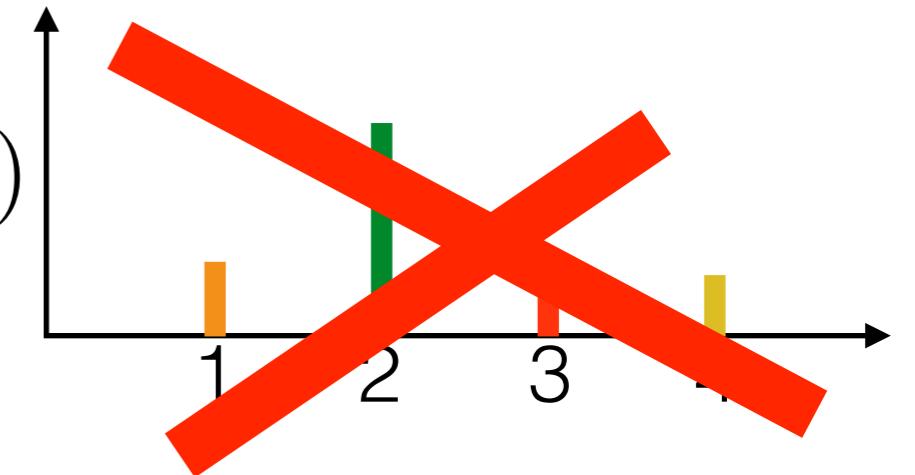
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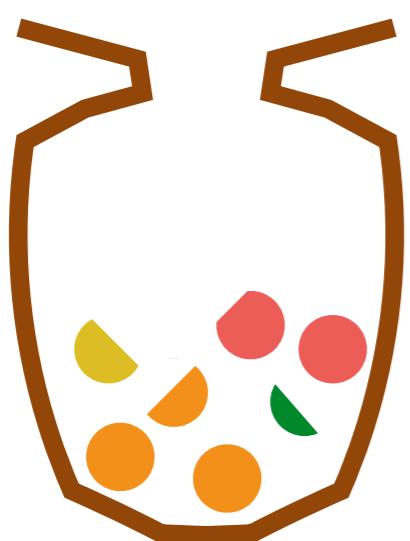
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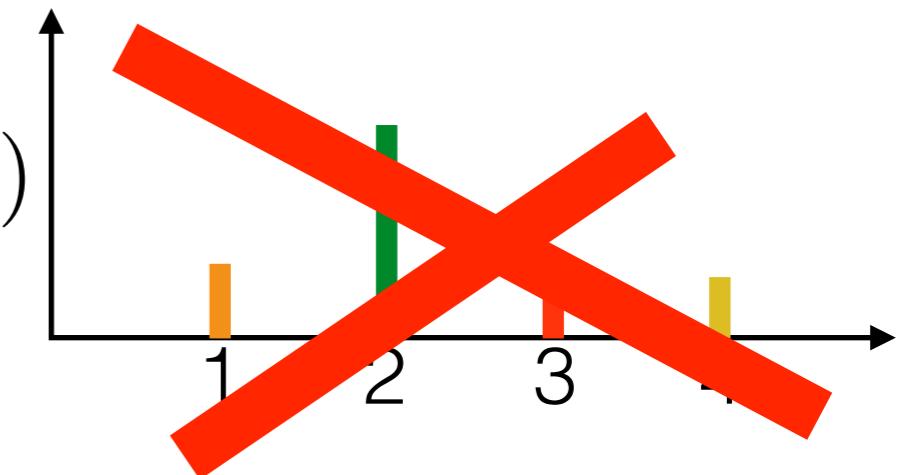
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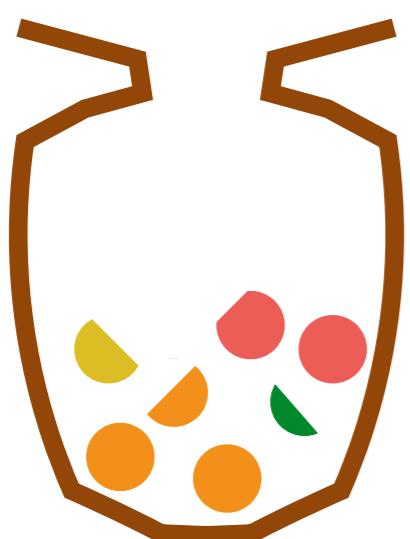
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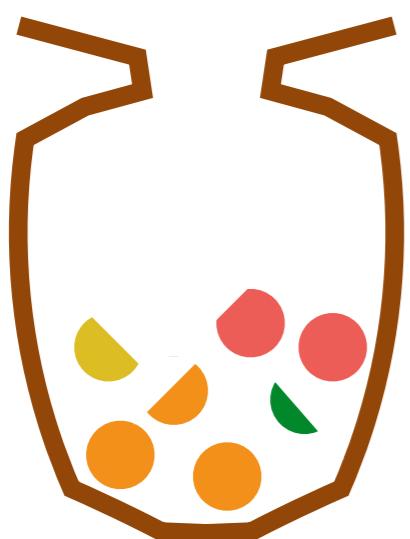
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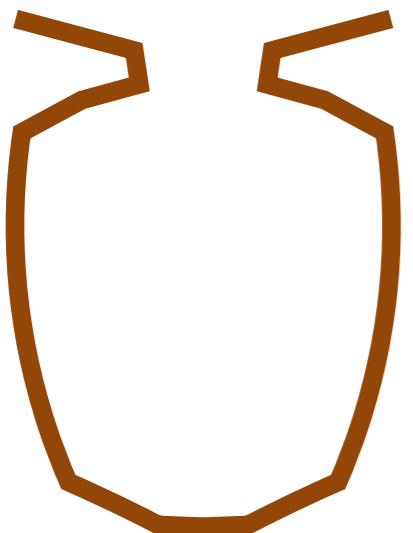


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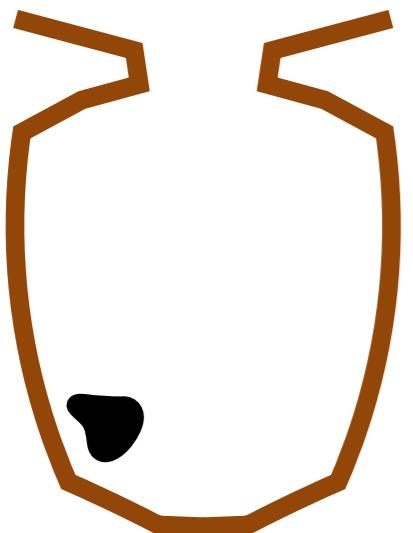
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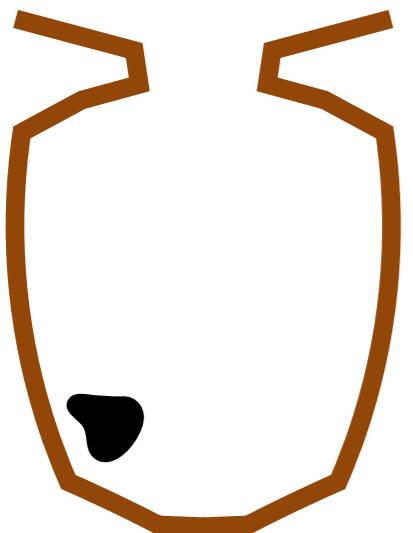
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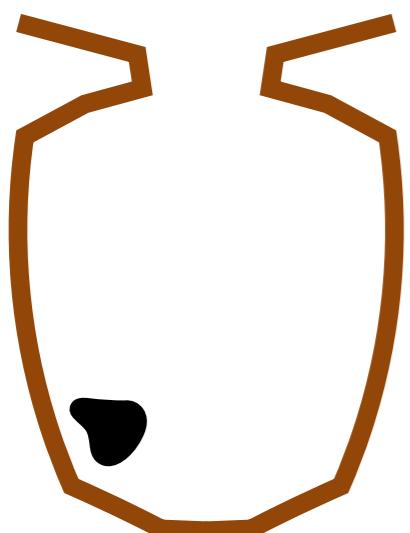
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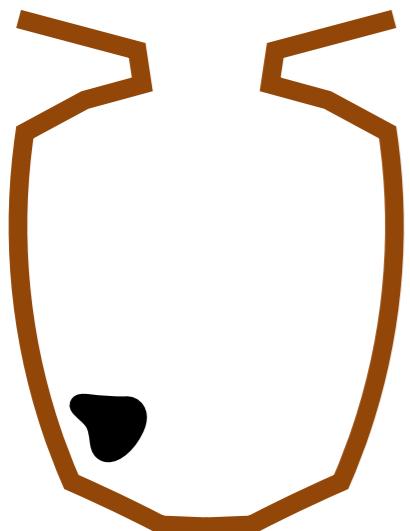
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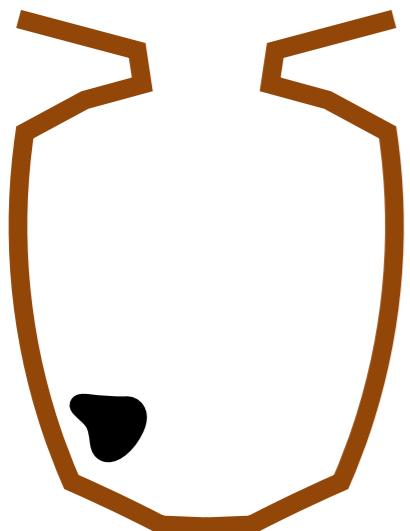
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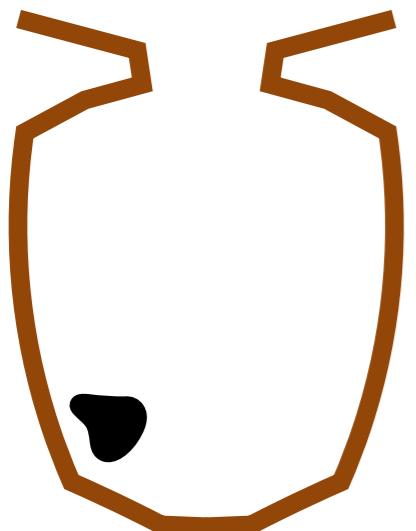
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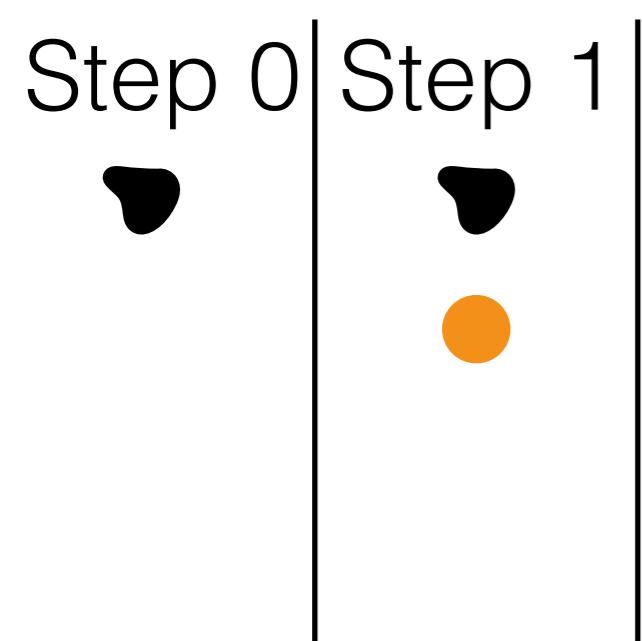


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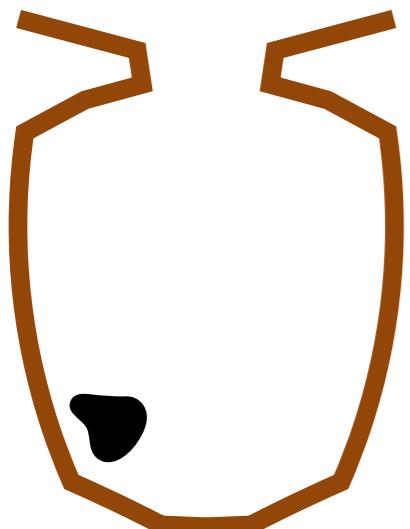


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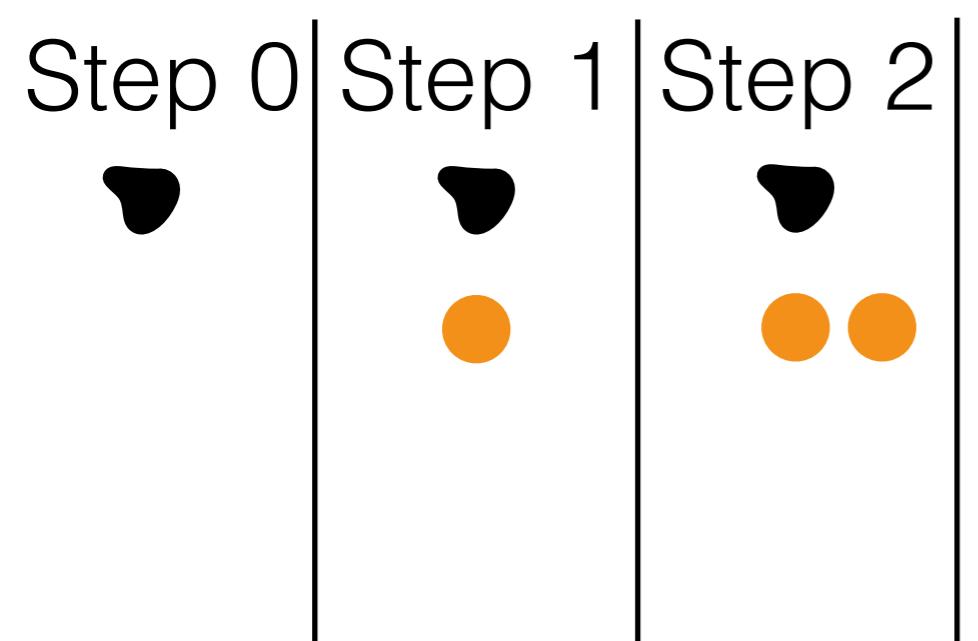


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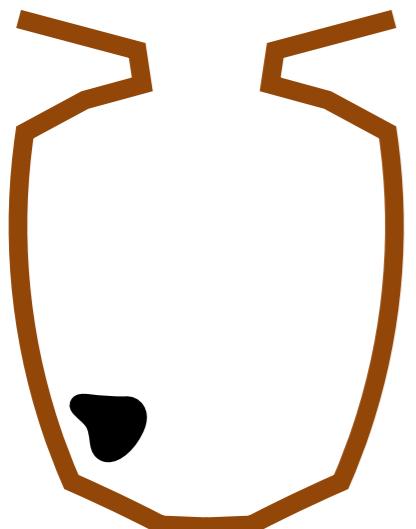


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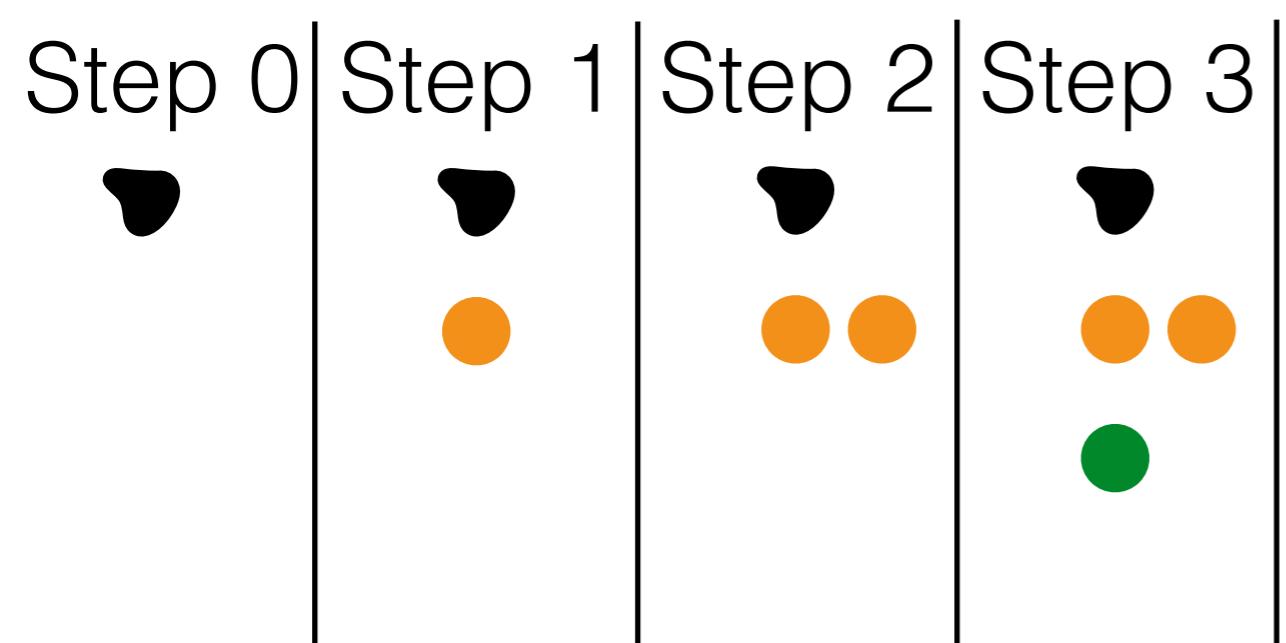


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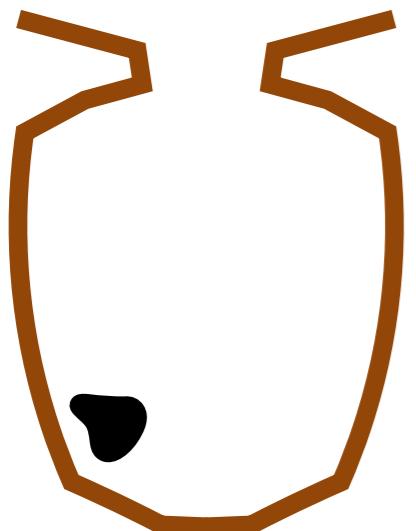


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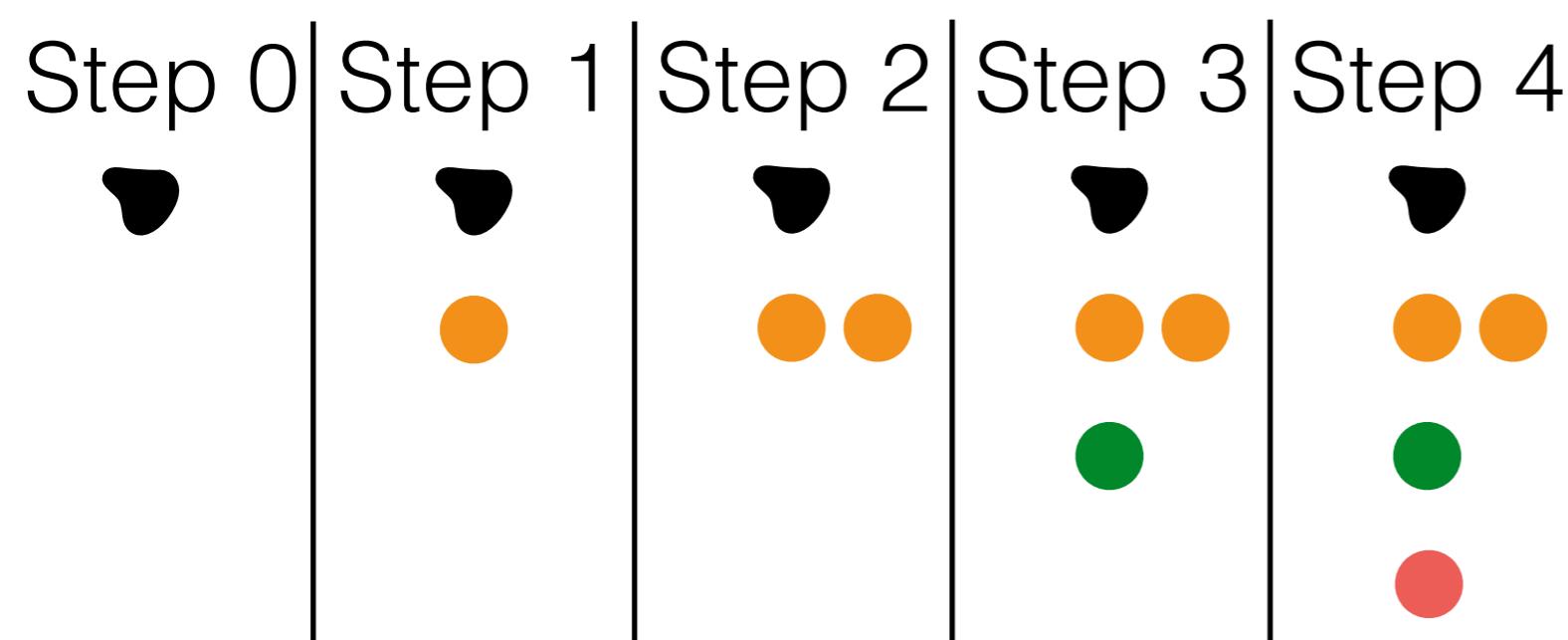


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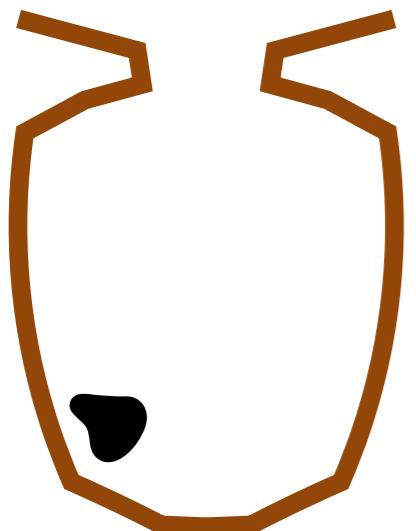


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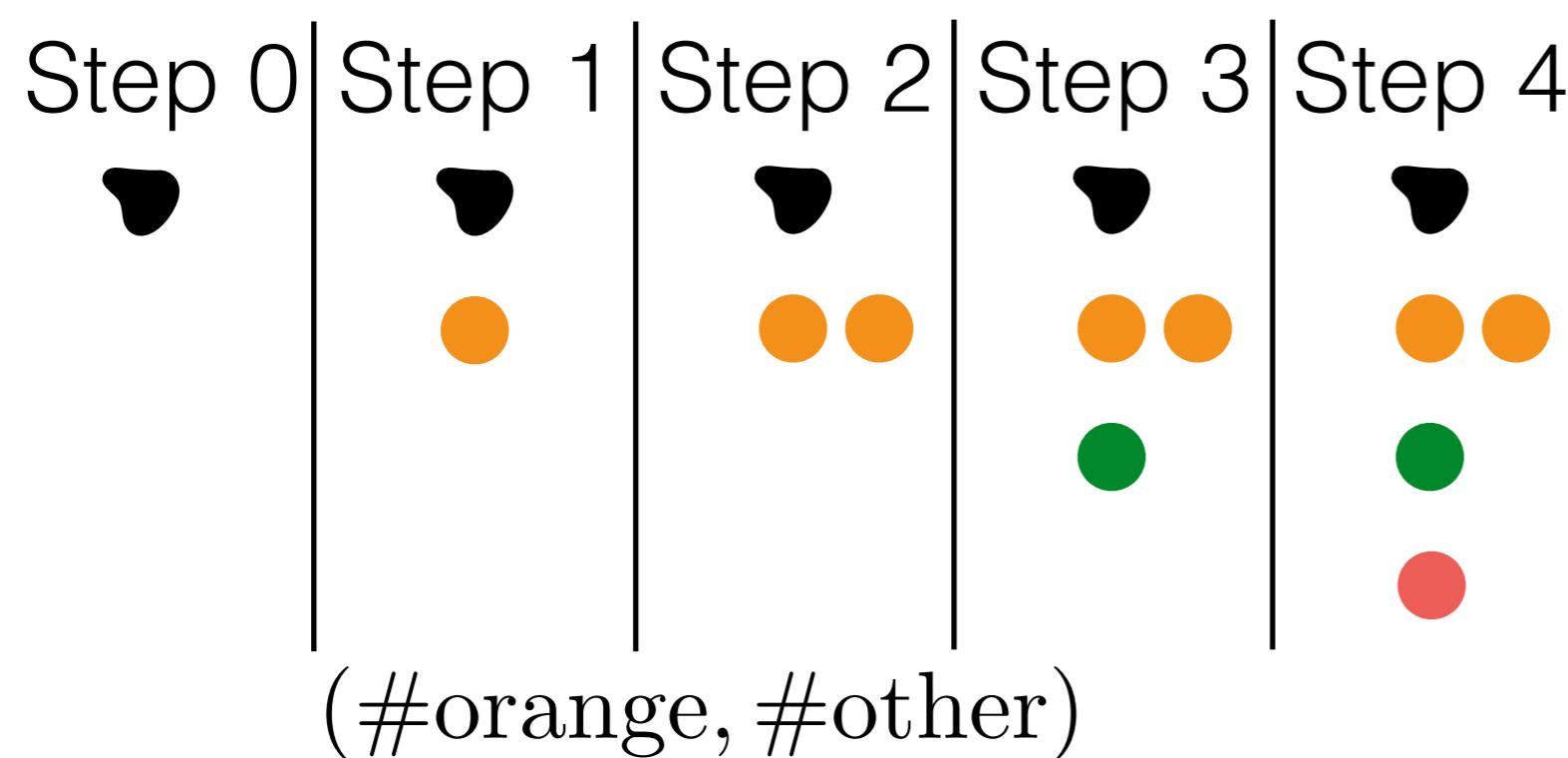


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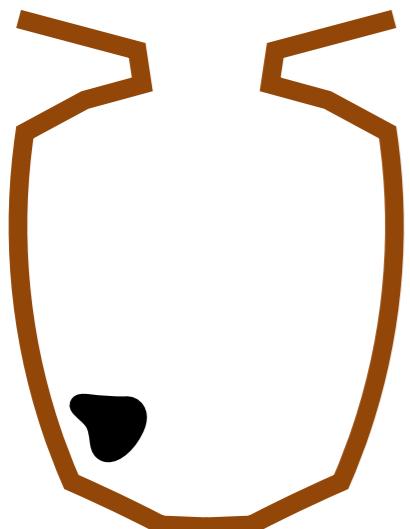


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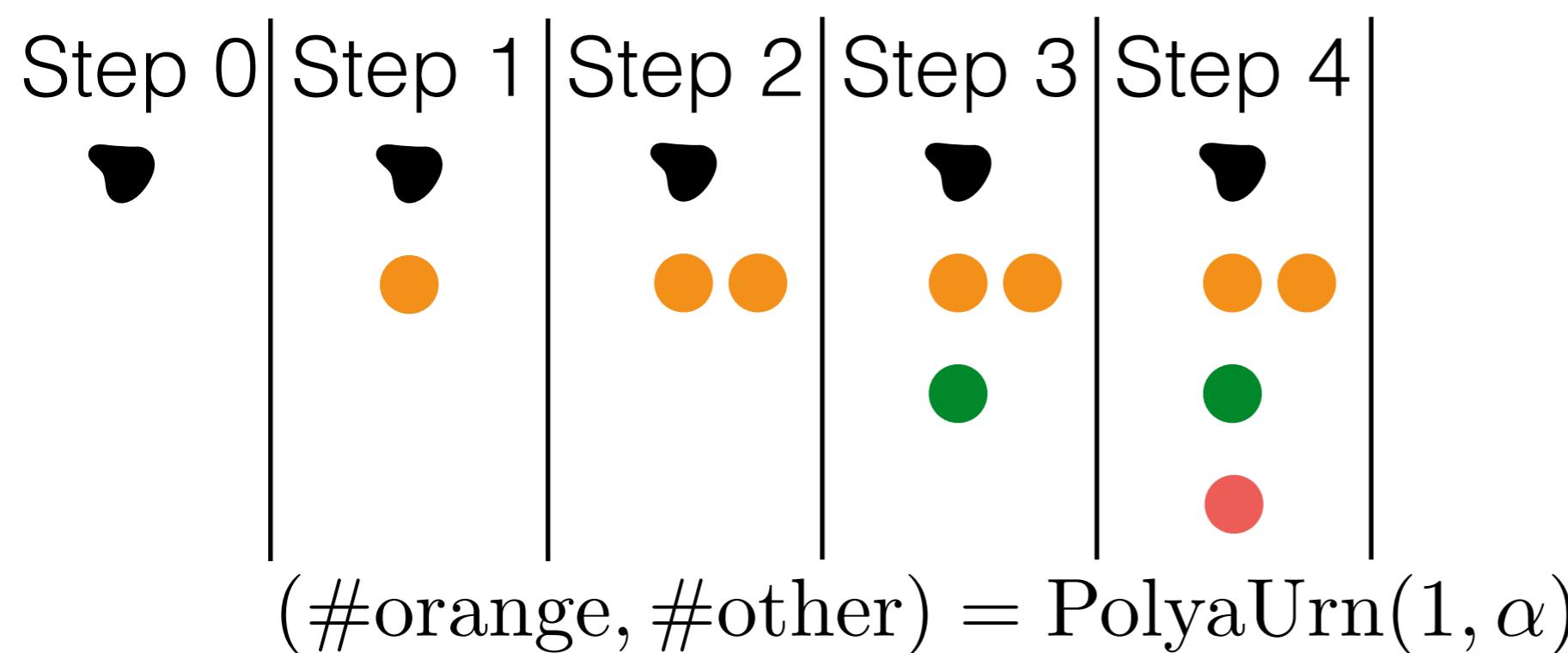


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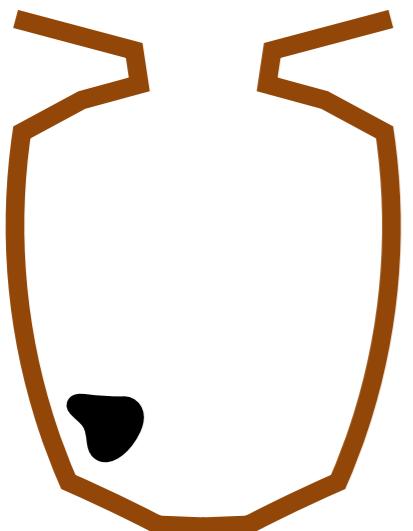


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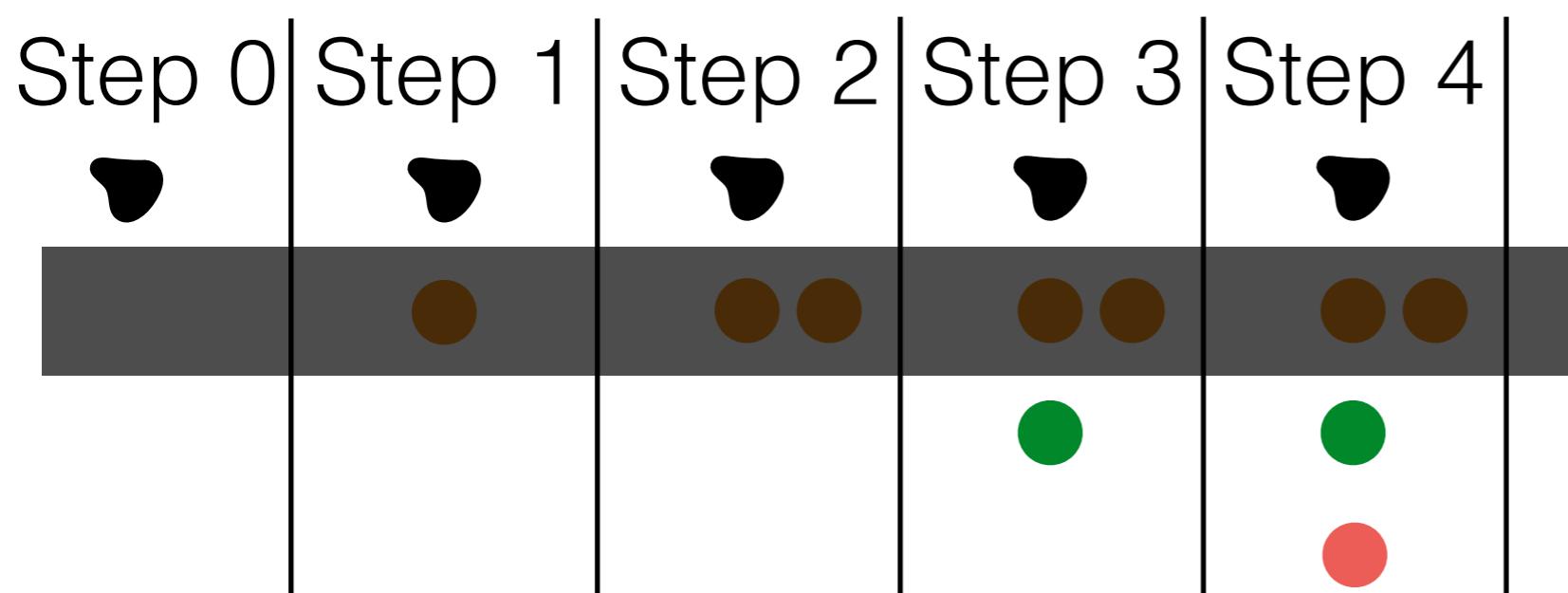


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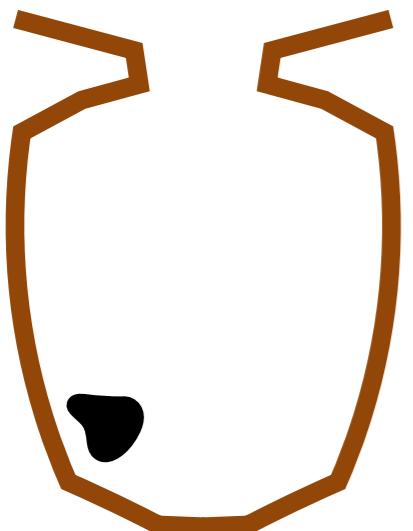
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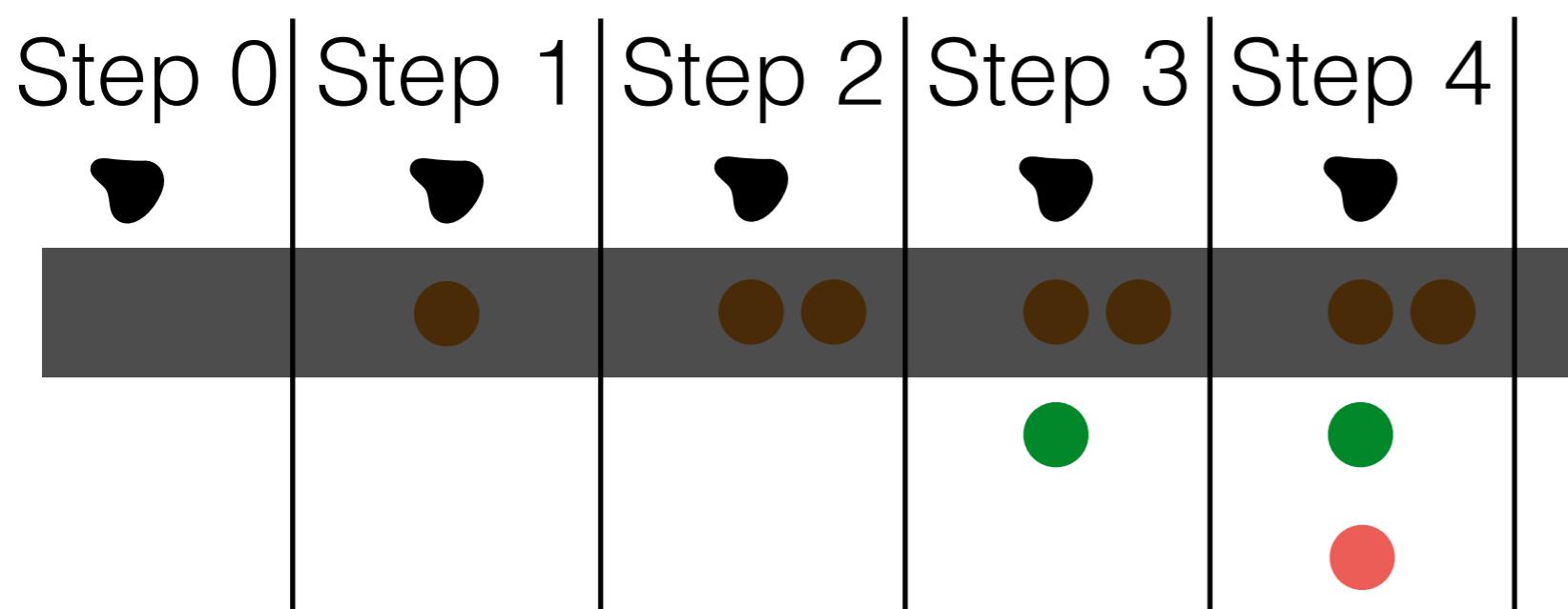
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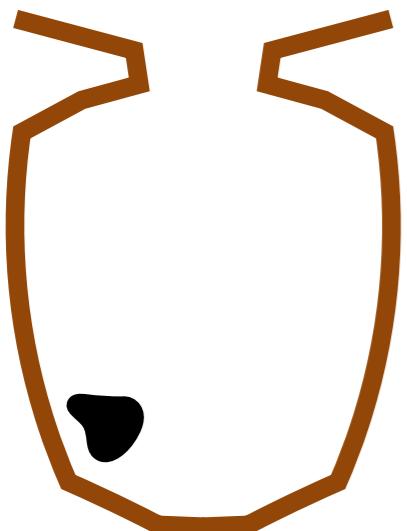


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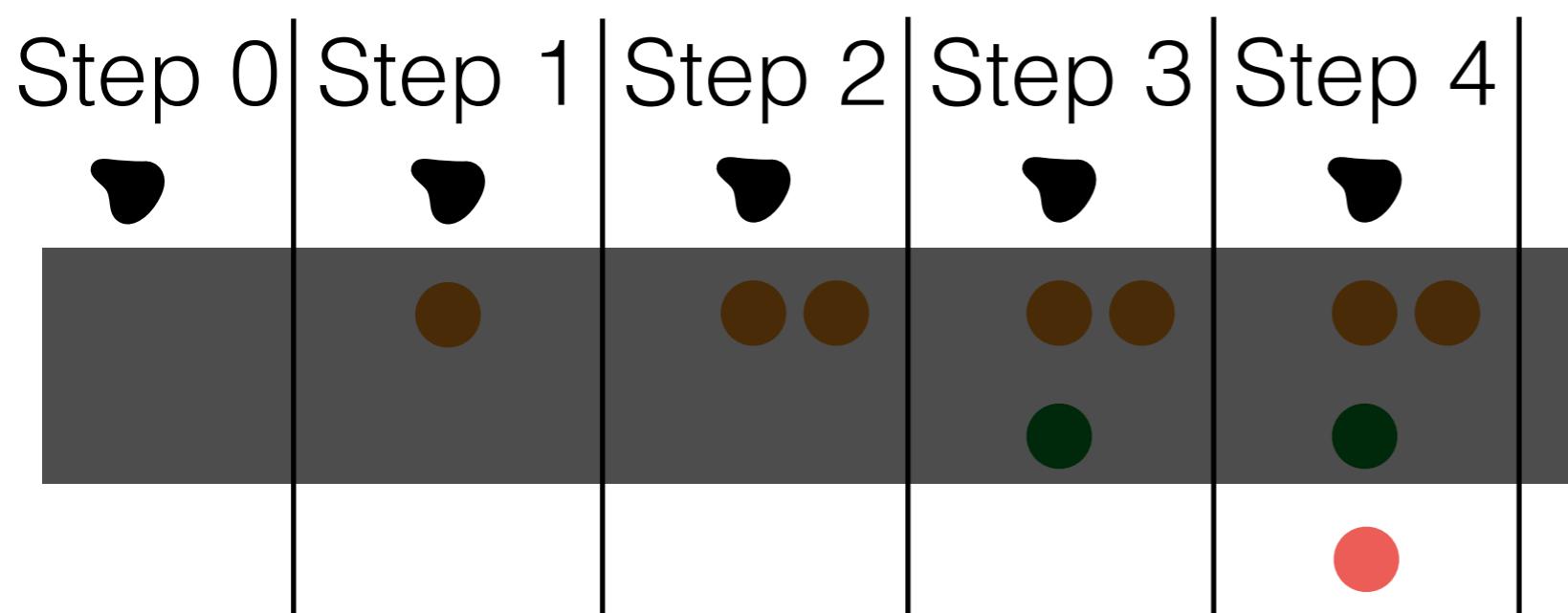
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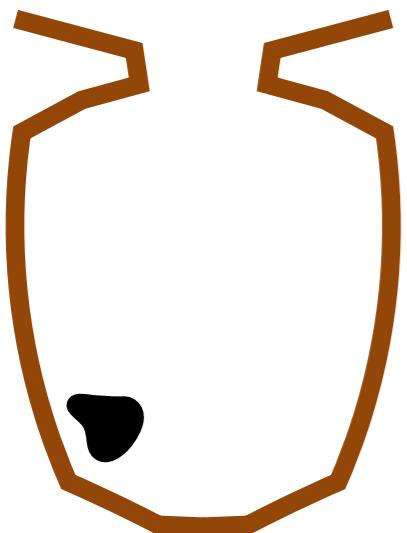


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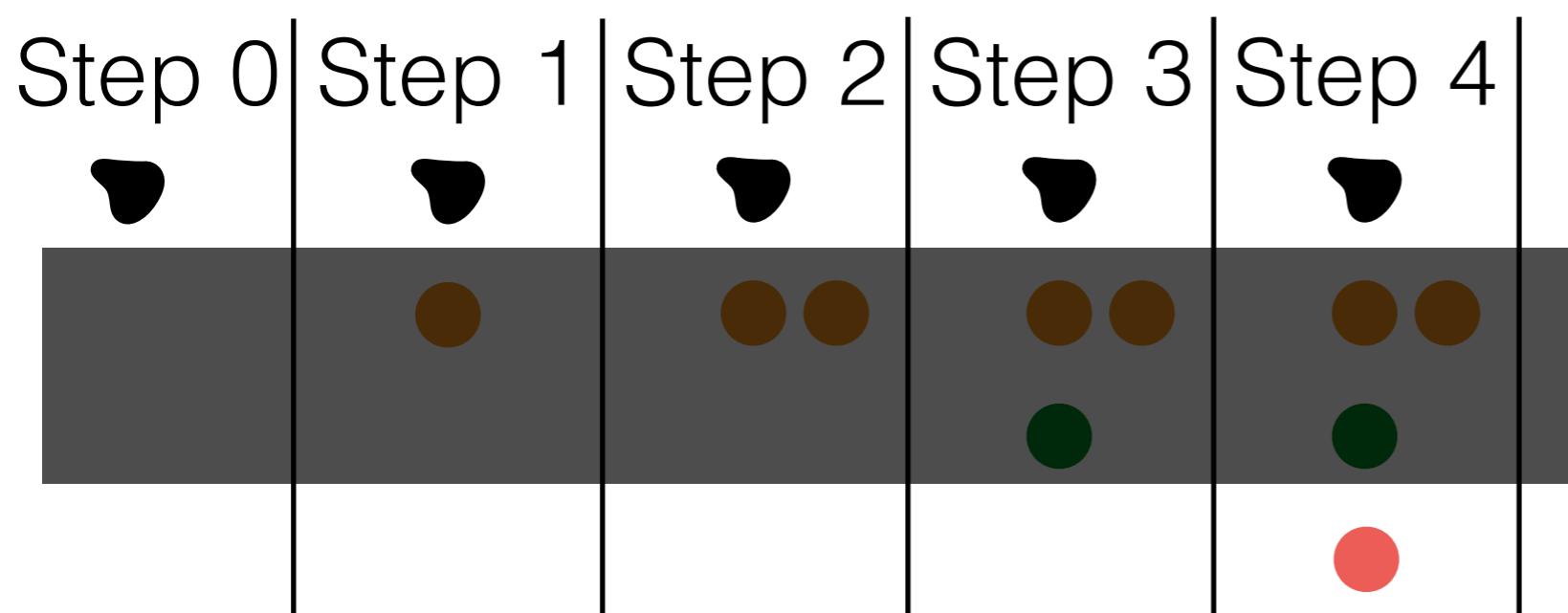
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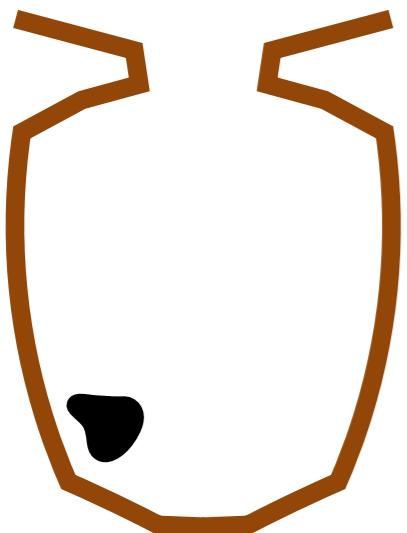


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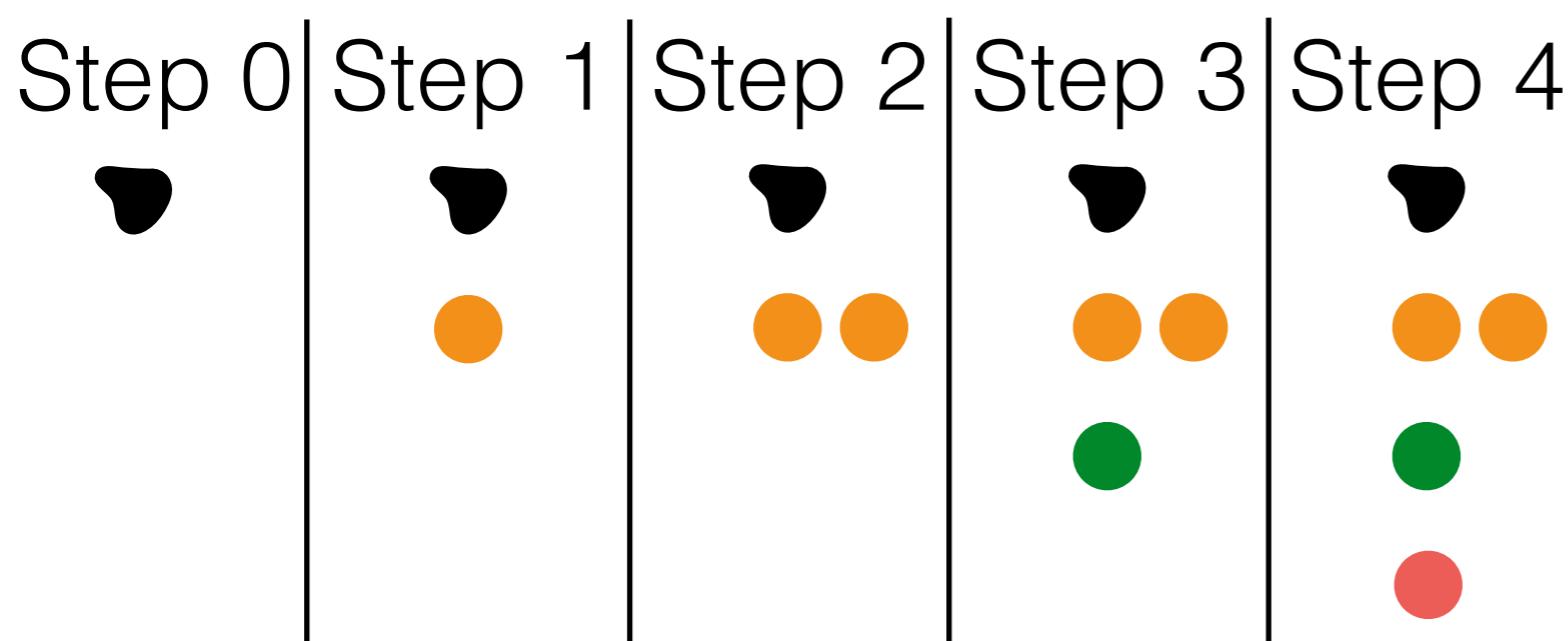
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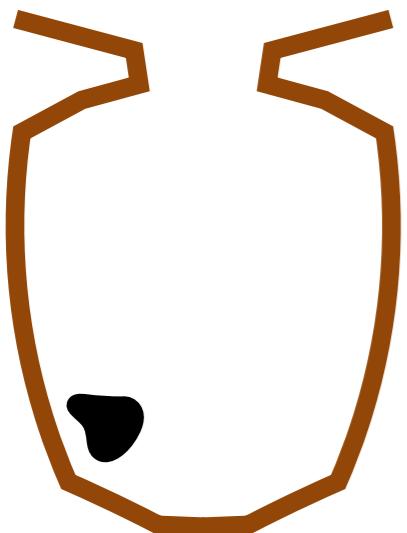


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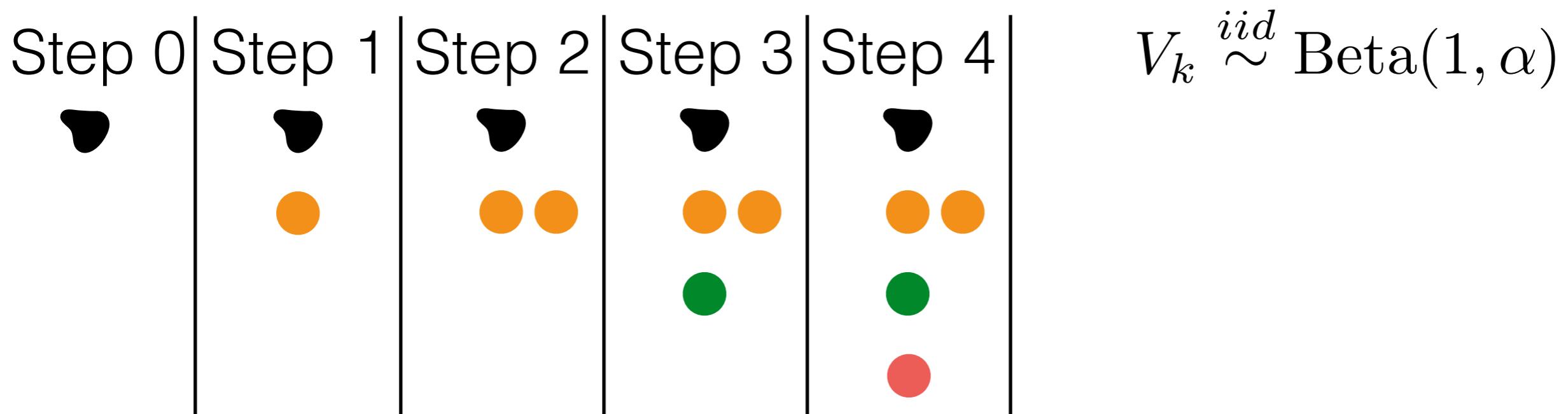
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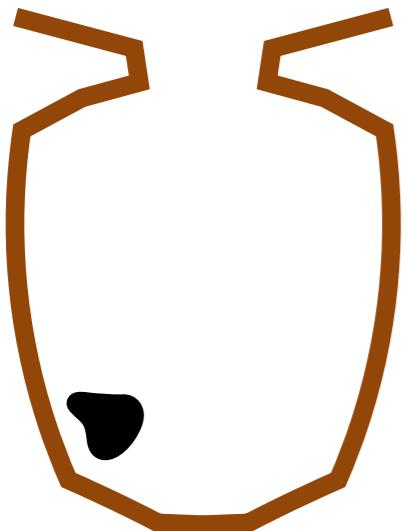


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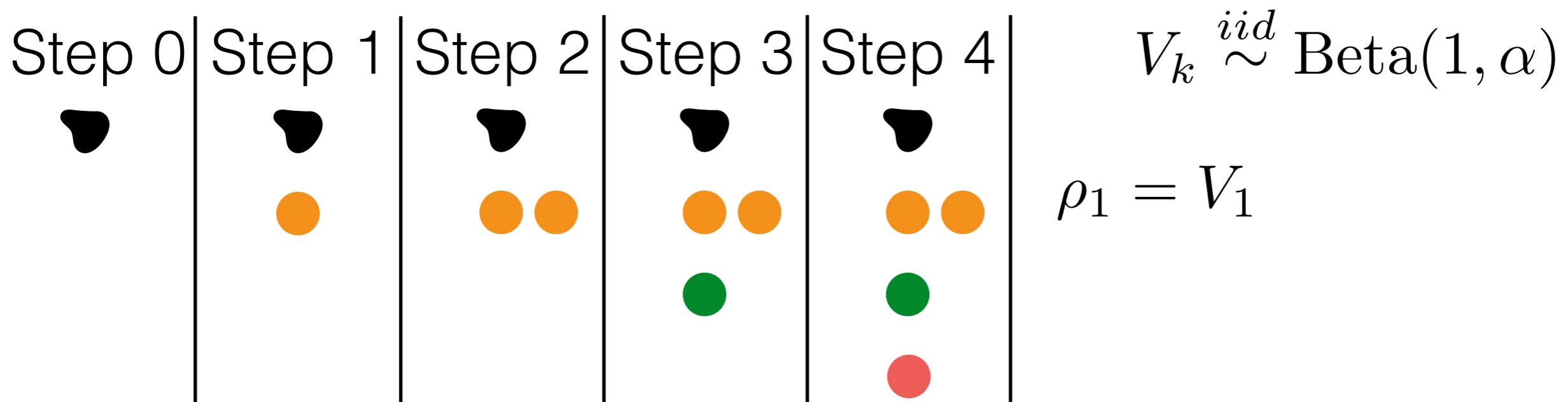
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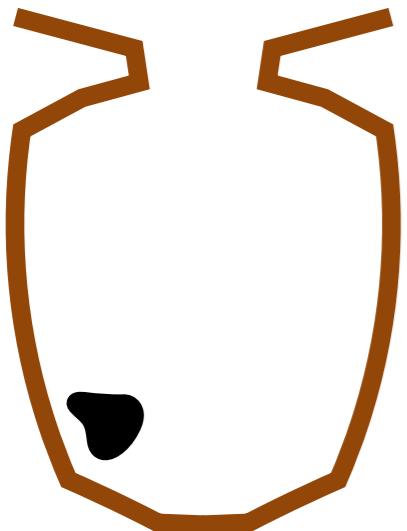


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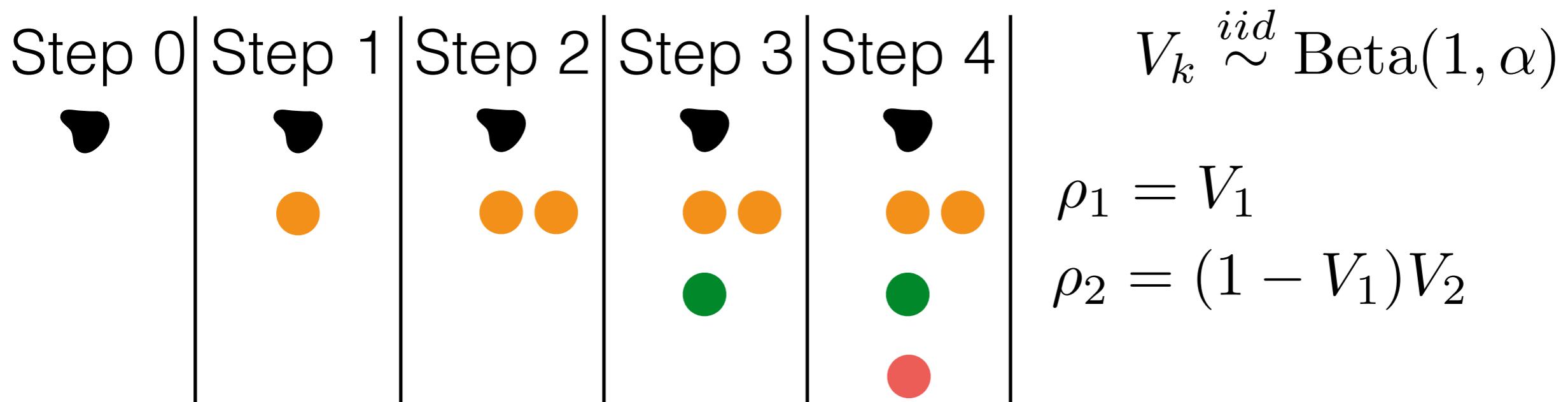
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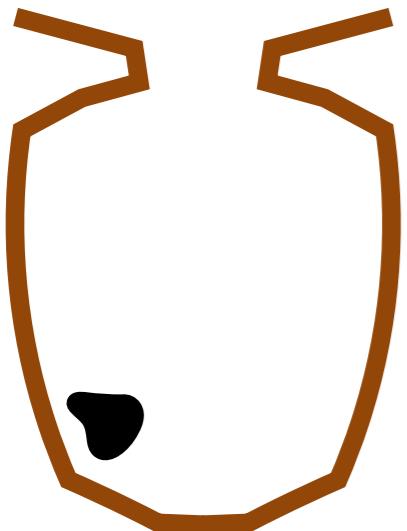


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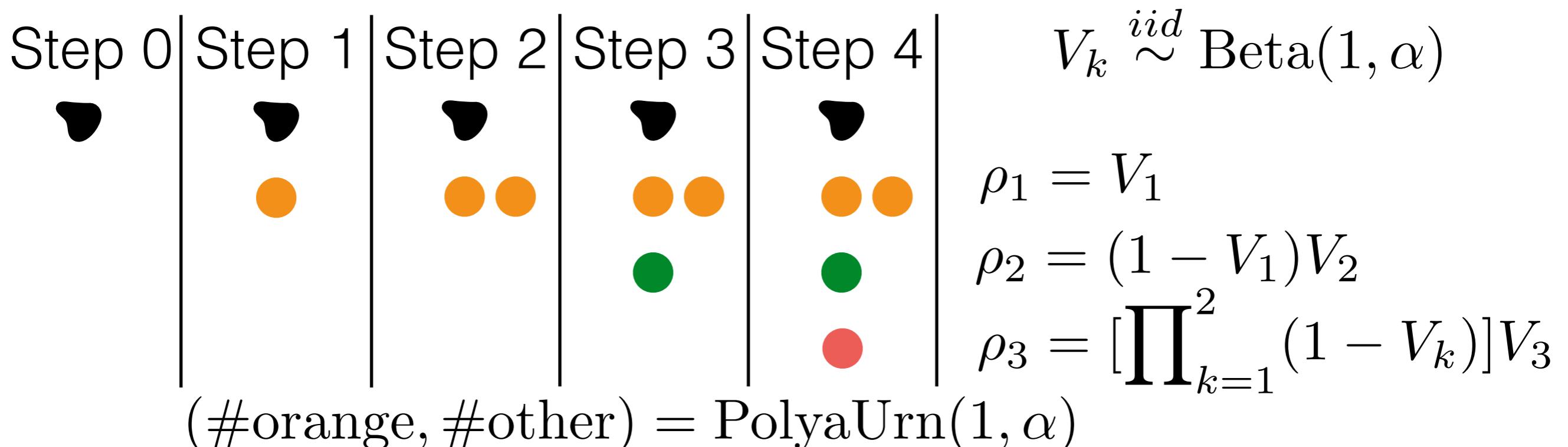
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